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### Illegal fireworks will ruin Tonquish sub caller's sleep again

I want to comment about last week's Sound Off, "Illegal fireworks ruined caller's sleep during festival."

I'm one of the people who shot off the illegal fireworks in the Tonquish sub.

The person who posted the complaint better find another place because next year I'm lighting off even more fireworks.

### Illegal fireworks could have burned my home, my garage, or my yard

The residents in this community should remember safety when it comes to fireworks.

I worry if my neighbors will be responsible for setting my home, garage, or yard on fire due to their ignorant negligence with fireworks. These homes are very old and could go up in flames in an instant. Not to mention the lack of rain and high temperatures we've had — that's a recipe for disaster. Everyone here is at risk.

I watched helplessly as my neighbors deliberately set fireworks, like bottle rockets, directly over my home and yard.

What is my legal defense if something unfortunate was to happen to my home because of their stupidity? Most likely nothing. Then again, they should know I have the incident on tape.

### Caller plans trip to rep candidate Dave Cox's 'entertainment'

A visit to Westland Mall, with its seed sideshow, is definitely on my family's entertainment schedule.

We can't wait to try our luck at the Dunk The Clown kiosk.

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## Plan proposed for New World

By STEFANIE CARANO  
MCN Staff Writer

Developers Cushman and Wakefield, a global real estate services firm, presented a conceptual plan to the Romulus City Council to develop 600 acres of land on Wick Road known as New World Centre.

July 8 was the first public hearing for Cushman-Wakefield to present their plan, which is to re-zone and develop the area primarily for office use.

33 percent of the property will be zoned for a research/technological facility. 14 percent will be what representative Doug Ryan referred to as "mixed use." 7 percent of the property will be zoned for light industrial use.

Cushman-Wakefield expects a corporation like Lear (a sub-group of Dodge) to purchase the property as an office/corporate user.

The light industrial zone concerned members of city council. According to Councilman William Crova, the land is expensive compared the average price of a light industrial property.

"Romulus has an awful lot of open space," said Crova that he believes would be better for light industrial use.

Resident Jim Rarey asked Cushman-Wakefield if they were aware that the city has an agreement that when each parcel of the land is sold, the city gets approximately 85,000 dollars per acre.

"We're aware of the pay back on improvements to Vining and Wick Road but we're not aware of other agreements," said Ryan.

Developer Lloyd Ecklestone, who is interested in selling the property to Cushman-Wakefield, owns most of the parcels of land that encompass the New World Centre.

Cushman-Wakefield stressed that the plan is conceptual, that nothing is set in stone. However, Councilman Michael Prybyla stated that what is conceptual becomes reality later on.

The city was pleased with the developer's presentation and overall plan. According to Mayor Alan Lambert, "I think it's a win for everybody. I think the council will work well with you (Cushman-Wakefield). The city's

not going to ask for any more money."

"This will work well in our overall plan for the city," said Chairman Randolph Gear on behalf of the council. A plan council is hoping will finally be put into place after waiting 20 years for someone to develop the land.

Cushman-Wakefield was founded as a property management company in 1917. According to their website, the company assembled the sites of the United Nations Headquarters in New York and played a central role in the Sears Towers project in Chicago. This year they announced the formation of their real estate services in China. They are based out of New York City.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Mayor plans for full-time fire department

Mayor Alan Lambert announced the creation of a plan to fund his expanded fire department initiative.

"Unlike larger communities, Romulus currently depends on subcontracted medical emergency services on on-call volunteer fire department in effect three out of seven days a week," Lambert said. Considering the residential and commercial growth our city is experiencing, we feel this is an outdated and inefficient model that must be changed immediately."

Lambert believes his executive level police retirement package plan, which recently won approval by the Romulus City Council, will create the necessary funding to upgrade fire and emergency medical services.

"This plan potentially achieves two major objectives," Lambert continued. "It allows us to streamline and re-energize the police department through executive level retirements. And the money save through this proposed retirement package creates the opportunity to invest in a full-time, 24-7 fire department."

### Cell phones donated

Officer Hull received over 70 cell phones from the Romulus Senior Center to refurbish. The phones will be given to at-risk individuals in Romulus. The large number was reached thanks to UAW 163 who donated 25 phones from employees of GM Powertrain.

"We are blessed to live in a community with so many caring individuals. They help make an idea into a workable program," said Linda Norman, Senior Coordinator of the Romulus Senior Center.

To apply for a phone or for additional information call 942-6852.



Romulus High School teacher Kellie Knight

### Knight named "teacher of year"

The American Legion Education and Scholarship Committee has voted Romulus High School teacher Kellie Knight "Teacher of the Year" for Michigan. She was selected from five finalists for proving excellence based on teacher competence, community involvement, patriotism, and support of American Legion programs.

Knight received a \$500 grant to be used for an educational project and was awarded a recognition plaque at the American Legion State Convention.

Knight has previously led Romulus High School students to two consecutive state championships in the Marathon event of the State Social Studies Olympiad.

### McCraight elected president

The Romulus Board of Education elected officers for the 2002-2003 school year at the July 8th meeting. Billy McCraight was elected president; Vice-president is Betty Lenossi; Secretary is Cheryle Buckley; and April Frayer was named treasurer.

### Chamber plans golf outing

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its annual Golf Outing, August 22, at the Woodlands of Van Buren. The four-person scramble is open to the public.

## Friends argue, one stabbed severely

By BRENDA GRACIN  
MCN Special Writer

James Lester wanted to spend the evening with some friends, have some conversation, a few laughs, relax and unwind. Arriving at a friend's apartment, Lester settled in to do just that. It didn't turn out that way for Lester, instead of a nice evening between friends and family, Lester ended up in an argument that nearly cost him his life.

Arriving at the apartment of Alcretia Ballinger, Lester found two other people already there're visiting, Shanika Stevens and Daryl Leon Anderson. Anderson was Ballinger and Lester's cousin. They began to talk, some of them were drinking. At some point in the evening it turned ugly.

In a preliminary hearing last week before Judge Brian Oakley of the 34th District Court, Lester testified to events that led to severe injuries. "Daryl just suddenly told me to leave," said Lester. "I told him I don't have to, this is my cousin's apartment."

Anderson, insisting that Lester leave, began hitting Lester in the face and chest with his fists. Still refusing to leave, he began to back away; ending up in the kitchen area of the apartment. Neither of the women present in the apartment followed the two men into the kitchen.

Anderson kept beating Lester backing him into a corner. "He kept



James Lester is shown in his hospital bed with several knife wounds in the head.

assaulting me, so I grabbed a pan off the stove and swung. I think I hit him in the head," said Lester.

Telling the court that Anderson was much stronger than him, Lester then described the fear that made him turn and run out of the apartment. "I saw him in the silverware drawer, looking through it," he said. "I saw he had a knife so I ran."

Running out across the apartment complex, Lester kept looking back, at one point noticing that Anderson had begun to run after him with a knife in his hand. "He was screaming at me, I'm going to kill you." When Lester

tripped and fell to the ground, Anderson was on top of him.

"He jumped on top of me and started stabbing me," said Lester in his testimony. "The only reason he stopped is because the knife he had broke." In graphic descriptions Lester told the court about feeling the knife stabbing him in the head, the neck and the chest. "Then he stabbed me right by my heart," he said.

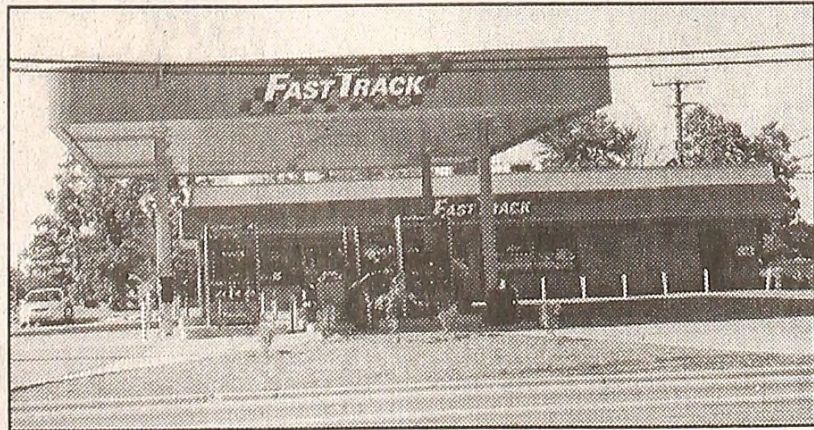
Getting up off of the ground, Lester went to a nearby apartment and knocked on the door asking for help. The residents of the apartment refused to answer the door. Hearing

## Fast Track owner shot 3 times Suspect escapes with \$700

By BRENDA GRACIN  
MCN Special Writer

Sam Farhat, 44, owner of the Fast Track gas station at Middlebelt and Ecorse is in stable condition after being shot three times during a robbery.

On Sunday, July 7, at approximately 11:35 a.m., Farhat was working the counter at the station.



Fast Track, at Middlebelt and Ecorse was the scene of an armed robbery that left the owner with gunshot wounds in the neck and leg.

A man approached asking Farhat for change for a quarter. He indicated that he needed to make a phone call. After making change for the man, Farhat turned around to find a 25 caliber silver semi automatic pistol aimed at him.

The man then instructed Farhat to place all the money in a bag. After putting everything in a bag, Farhat feeling that the gunman was

distracted by something, dived to the ground behind the counter.

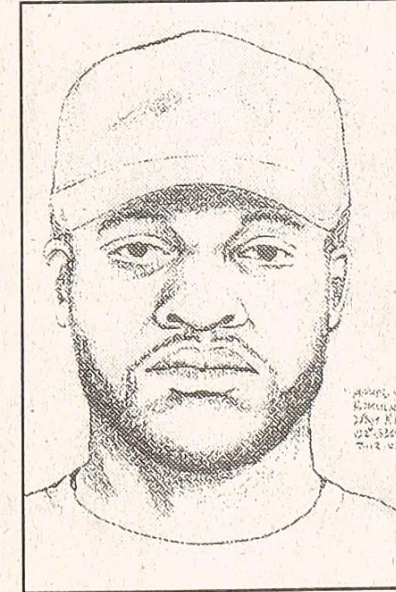
At that time, the gunman opened fire, hitting Farhat in the neck, a shot that grazed him, firing again and hitting him in the leg. Farhat began to pull himself along the floor to an office near the counter. Another shot was fired, but missed.

Farhat pulled himself into the office, at that time not knowing where the gunman was. Dialing 911, Farhat was taken to Annapolis Hospital, and then transferred shortly after to Oakwood.

The robbery he is reported to have been wearing a tan baseball hat with unknown red lettering, and a white shirt with lettering.

The vehicle is described as a newer dark green model, possibly a Neon, with the older blue Michigan plates on the back.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Kapalanski at the Romulus PD at 734-941-8400.



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The Metropolitan Detroit Bar Association conducted it's evaluation of the five candidates for 34th District Court Judge. Each candidate submitted legal writings, references, descriptions of legal experience and references. Each candidate was extensively interviewed. **STEPHEN J. TRAHEY** was the only candidate to receive a "WELL QUALIFIED" rating. The committee based it's decision on "legal ability, trial experience, honesty, judicial temperament and reputation without regard to party affiliation."

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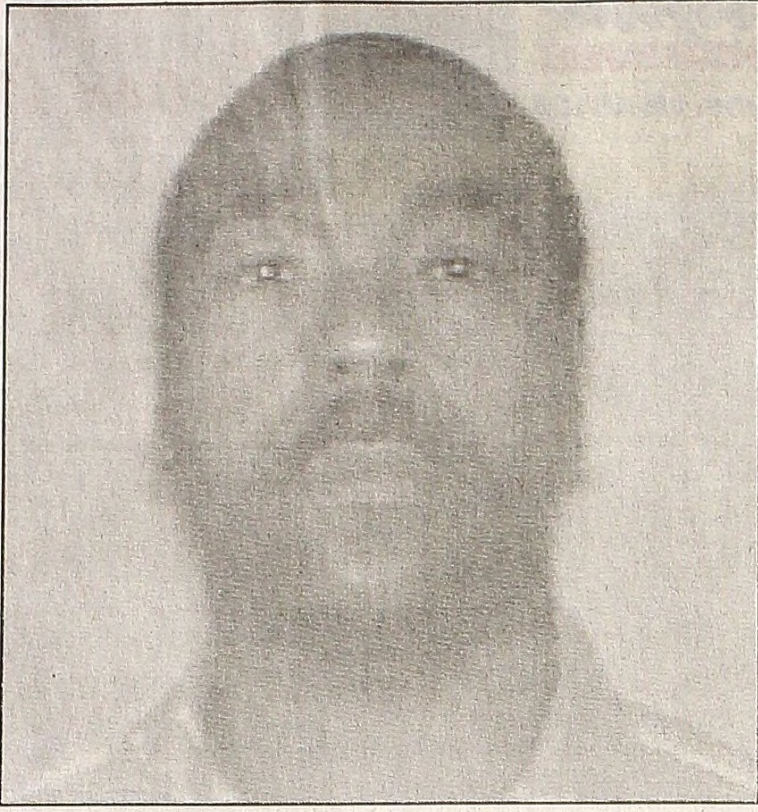
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# Have you seen this man?

Romulus police are searching for Dwyan Ursery of Detroit in connection with home invasions that occurred in Romulus. If you have information contact Sgt. Jeff Keefer at Romulus Police Department at (734) 941-8400.



# Golden charged with poisoning co-workers drink

By BRENDA GRACIN  
MCN Special Writer

The Wayne County Prosecutor has issued a warrant for the arrest of Darick Golden, the co-worker suspected of poisoning another employee at H/J Manufacturing in Romulus.

Golden, 41, will be charged with knowingly placing a substance in food or drink to cause bodily harm.

Under Michigan Compiled Laws, 750.397A, a person who places pins, needles, razor blades, glass, or other harmful objects in any food, or a person who places a harmful substance in any food with the intent to harm the consumer of the food, or who knowingly furnishes any food containing a harmful object or substance, is guilty of a felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison, a fine of \$10,000, or both.

Golden allegedly placed mineral spirits and petroleum oil in the pop of co-worker Dale Whitley. Several other employees witnessed Golden placing the

## Whitley suffers convulsions

substance in Whitley's drink.

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It isn't known why they would allow Whitley to drink it; however, they did state that there had been animosity between the two employees. One witness told

Sgt. Jeffrey Keefer of the Romulus PD that he didn't believe Whitley would actually drink it.

Another witness gave a statement to police that Golden had indicated before placing the substance in the pop bottle that he was going to mess with Dale, and put something in his drink. Whitley told Keefer that Golden had threatened him before.

After drinking his pop, Whitley began to vomit. At that time his company sent him to the clinic that services the plant. Soon after arriving at the clinic, Whitley began to suffer from convulsions, at which time he was taken to Annapolis Hospital by ambulance.

Keefer had questioned Golden after the incident, obtaining a confession. "He gave me a statement, and confessed to the incident," said Keefer. Upon seeking warrant recommendation from the Wayne County Prosecutor, Golden was allowed to leave.

Upon arrest Golden, will be arraigned in the 34th District Court.

# Romulus tables Eureka Road improvement project

By STEFANIE CARANO  
MCN Staff Writer

At the July 8 city council meeting, a debate over a Eureka Road improvement project led to an argument between city council and one Eureka Road resident over the city's longest and largest dilemma- Metro Airport, its benefits and its problems.

The debate began when the Department of Public Works brought a proposal to the council that would improve a section of Eureka Road extending from South Access to Middlebelt Road. All agreed that the road needs improvement but disagreed on where the funds should come from. As the proposal stands, the funds would come from the city's TIFA account. The total cost of the project is estimated at 500,000 dollars and would be paid in annual installments of 100,000 dollars over a course of five years.

City council did not decide whether to approve the project and agreed to table it due to the fact that two of its members were excused from the meeting.

Councilman William Wadsworth, in particular, strongly opposed the project. He considered that particular piece of road an "access road" to the airport and believes that Wayne County should pay for the improvements, being obliged to fund all roads that access the airport.

DPW Director David Paul, who brought the proposal to the council, disagreed with Wadsworth. "It accesses Huron River Drive to Biddle in Wyandotte. A lot of people use that road, including our own residences," said Paul.

Two residents with opposing viewpoints on the subject spoke before the council. The first was John Kramer of Ozga Street, who agreed with Councilman Wadsworth that the city should not put any money into the project. "Anyone who thinks it's for Romulus' benefit has been in the sun too long. We know what Wayne County is like to work with. The only thing they want from us is our check-book."

The second to speak was Melvin Zilka, who lives on Eureka Road and agreed with Director Paul that the

road is not just an access road and should be funded by the city. "I want my tax dollars to help improve that roadway," said Zilka. As a resident on Eureka, he stated that not a day goes by he doesn't use the road between South Access and Middlebelt and can confirm that it is not an access road.

Zilka further accused the council of not being cooperative with the county in order to get what the city needs. He made reference to the airport and thinks that neither council nor the residents should complain about it being in Romulus. "What

would this city be without Metro Airport? The taxes come from businesses that support Metro Airport."

"We pay enough in this town. Our taxes are too high right now," said Wadsworth in response.

Zilka said that the council should recognize the benefits of the airport and react more positively with Wayne County. If Romulus didn't want the airport, they shouldn't have approved it being built in Romulus 50 years ago. The only thing the city can do now is work with it, not against it.

# Volunteers sought by Romulus PD

By BRENDA GRACIN  
MCN Special Writer

Lt. James Rafalski of the Romulus Police Department wants to remind residents of the community about traffic situations that commonly occur in the summer months.

In June, school lets out for the summer. This brings about traffic changes for the city. Children on summer vacation means an increase in bicycle and pedestrian traffic during peak times when automobile operators haven't been used to watching out for them. "June begins the summer vacation months, and increases the number of families traveling the roadways," said Rafalski in a press release. "This will coincide with the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning Click it or Ticket It Campaign."

During June there were 90 additional patrol hours for Romulus police officers funded by the Drive Michigan Safety Task Force. The goal of that patrol was to observe traffic violations and issue tickets for the primary offenses of safety restraint violations and speeding violations on the major roadways in Romulus.

During the June grant activity, Rafalski monitored the percentage of

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Lt. James Rafalski.

drivers who are Romulus citizens who were ticketed during the period. A report will follow in July as to tickets issued.

"You may wonder how the state of Michigan comes up with the statistics listing the percentage of drivers in Romulus that are wearing their seatbelts," said Rafalski. The answer is simple he explained. It is done by volunteers at key intersections throughout the city observing automobiles as they pass through the site.

"I am always looking for community groups, churches, or citizens who wish to volunteer an hour or so to complete a survey for Romulus PD," he said.

Want to volunteer...contact Rafalski at the Romulus Police Department.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

Window on Wayne

Villagers fought in Civil War

By RICHARD L. STORY  
Wayne Historian

The villagers of Wayne did not hesitate to answer the call to serve and preserve their nation during the Civil War. They were among the first in battle, and among the first to die, to ensure that this nation, under God, would remain dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

In 1861, the war cry was "The Union Forever" and, in 1862, the 24th Michigan Infantry Regiment was organized in Wayne County.

There were recruiting meetings held across the North to get young men to enlist in the war to save the Union.

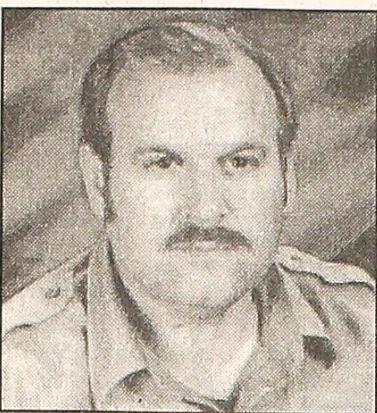
Colonel Morrow held one such meeting right here in Wayne in hopes of putting together a Michigan brigade. He held a recruiting meeting on August 31, 1862, in the Congregational Church in the Village of Wayne and his emotional plea to the mothers of the village was "to give up their sons" and to the wives, "to give up their husbands" for the cause.

Doctor Alexander Collar also stressed the need of men who had medical experience to join the ranks to help those who may be wounded at the front. He managed to recruit two physicians for the Assistant Surgeon's Office for the Michigan 24th Infantry.

According to the historic documents that I have managed to review, Doctor Collar went on to serve with distinction during the war. He served at the bloody battle at Gettysburg, which turned the tide of the war in favor of the North and the Union. Before the South was defeated, however, Doctor Collar was discharged from the Army because of poor health.

Another Wayne villager, Doctor Orville Chubb, also served in the 20th Michigan Infantry as a physician.

The Confederate Armies also managed to capture two Wayne residents - Mr. Charles Homer and Mr. Albert Ganong, who died at



Richard L. Story

the infamous Libby Prison. A third villager, Joseph Hedges, also was taken prisoner in 1864, but he managed to escape.

Among the pioneer Wayne families, a Mr. Ezra Derby, lost a son in the battle of Petersburg, while Mr. Derby's brother-in-law, Mr. Otis Southworth, died in the battle of Gettysburg, along with resident Almon Houston.

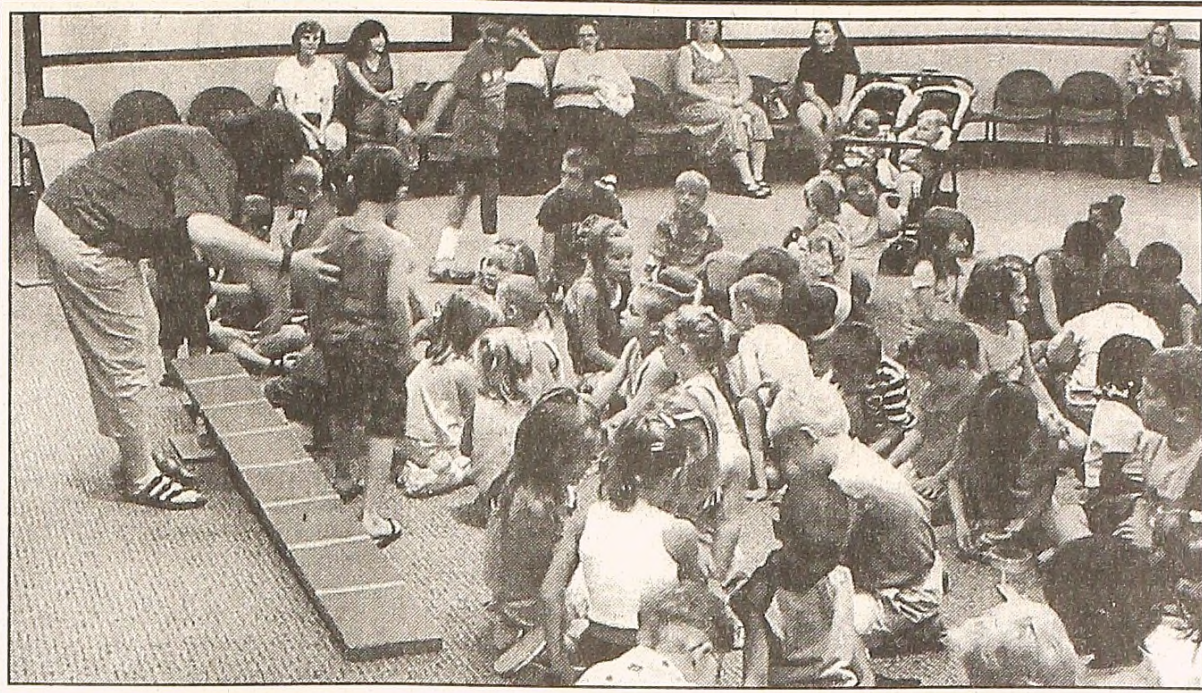
Wayne school teacher, Mr. Otis Curtis, lost an arm at Fredericksburg. When he returned home to Wayne he found time to write a book about his war experiences. Mr. Curtis's "History of the 24th Michigan Iron Brigade" is a very informative narrative about Wayne and Michigan's contributions in preserving the Union.

A 17-year-old Henry Barnad, one of the youngest to put on a uniform from Michigan to fight for the Union, served in Company B of the 9th Michigan Infantry, and survived to come home from the war. Would you believe he lived in Wayne until his death in 1923?

The Grand Old Army of the Republic formed a post here in Wayne and held a reunion in our Village on August 4, 1873.

That may seem to be a long time ago, but it really isn't. Just visit your library and you're find these interesting people and their stories. They continue to live and tell us of their fascinating lives, even today, thanks to the written word.

Each of us has a story to tell and, who knows, some day, maybe you'll take the time to write it so that someone in the 21st or 22nd century can read how life was "way back then."



Summer-fun

Youngsters of all ages were having fun and learning a great deal about simple machines last Tuesday at the Wayne Public Library. Representatives from the Ann Arbor hands-on-museum presented a fun-filled demonstration using pulleys, wheels and axles, and inclined planes. Children were introduced to the terms: "effort", "fulcrum", and "erg". Library officials note that the reading program is provided by donations from one of four generous library patrons. And they also note that there is still time to participate in the summer reading program. Contact the library for more details at 734-721-7832.

Free lunch offered to blood donors

As most know, there are 'no free lunches'.

But the City of Wayne's sponsored July 24 blood drive has an offer for lunch attached to its request for volunteer blood donors. The first 100 donors will be provided a picnic lunch.

The blood drive will be held from noon until 6 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, located on Howe and Annapolis Roads,

and city officials say that they will provide a picnic lunch to the first 100 donors. Everyone is welcome and walk-ins are invited.

Also it would be convenient if donors called to make an appointment. That number is 722-1111.

City officials also note that appointment times are still available.

A shotgun wedding

The popular "Barry J and Lucy May's Shotgun Wedding" will be presented at the Wayne Community Center on Sept. 13.

The play is sponsored by the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department and held at the Community Center, located at 4635 Howe Road.

There is a \$35 admission per

person which will include beverages, dinner, dancing and three hours of comedy entertainment. Those who reserve a table for eight will receive the eighth ticket for free.

Tickets are presently available at the Wayne Community Center. For more information, please call 734-721-7400.

Concert series continues

The heat and the beat is on in Goudy Park where the summer concert series is in full swing.

Tonight, July 18, Kristin Sayer & Trademark Orange will entertain the music lovers beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Then, on July 25, the big band sound comes to town thanks to Johnny Trudell and his exciting band.

In subsequent weeks, music

lovers also may enjoy Paul Pace (Country) on Aug. 1; The Atomic 80's (80's review); and Intrigue (variety) on Aug. 15.

The series is for free and staged in Goudy Park, which is located behind the City Hall. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

**ARDELEAN, PAUL**, 97, of Evensville, TN passed away July 9. Mr. Ardelean was born January 1905 in Romania and lived most of his life in the Detroit area. For over 43 years he was employed as a metal pattern maker with Ford Motor Company. Mr. Ardelean was also a short term Missionary in Brazil, Africa, and France; and with Campus Crusade in California. For the past 8 years he wintered in Dayton, TN and volunteered with the Maintenance Department at Bryan College in Dayton. He was a 66 year member of the First Baptist Church in Wayne, MI. Where he was the oldest living member and served on numerous church boards. While in Dayton, TN he attended Grace Bible Church. His life was his family and his church. He is survived by his sons Paul H. Ardelean of Dayton, TN and David Ardelean of Westland; his daughters Lois Ardelean of Seneca, SC; Shirley Fehl of Charlotte, NC; and Ruth Van Doren of Charleston, SC; seventeen grandchildren; and twenty-two great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Laurel (Lawrence) Ardelean, four brothers, and two sisters. Memorial services will be held at his Church in Wayne (to be announced). Funeral arrangements were made by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN.

**BONK, JUDITH RENEE**, 44, of Romulus, passed away June 30. Loving sister of Robert A. Black, Karen Kae Angoue, Lois Lauraine, and the late Darla Jane Schadilo. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with rev. Stephen Long officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat rock. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the donor's choice.

**CARRICO, AGNES M.**, 90, of New Boston (Huron Twp.) MI, passed away July 3. Loving mother of Michael Carrico of Ocean Shores, WA; Terry Carrico of Van Buren; Kevin Carrico of Belleville; Mrs. Patricia Ann (Patrick) Pooler of Beverly Hills, MI and Mrs. Kathleen (Stan) Caplan of Baneberry, TN. Dearest sister of Regis C. Scott of Williebee, OH; Mrs. Mary Margaret Danovich of Yeadon, PA; Mrs. Betty Jane (John) Fatsic of Sheffield Lake, OH; and Mrs. Rose Joanne Gabrys of Bradenville, PA. Also survived by fifteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband Louis A. Carrico and her brothers Edward and Henry. Funeral services were held at St. Stephen Catholic Church with father Alexander Wytwnal officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

**DeWAELSCH, JOHN GERARD**, 49, of Wayne, passed away July 1. Loving husband of Thelma DeWaelesche. Beloved father of Scott DeWaelesche, Michele DeWaelesche, Michele (Aaron) Heame, Samantha (Ralph) Smith, and Christopher McTigue DeWaelesche. Dearest brother of Mary (Larry) Kruger, Clare (Peter) Holden, Barbara (Glenn) Giza, Mark (Ruth) DeWaelesche, the late Judy Storie, the late James (Beth) DeWaelesche, and the late Paul DeWaelesche. Dear grandfather of John Robert McTigue, Rob Pook, and Morgan Heame. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Pastor Thomas Lewellen officiating. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Milford, MI.

**FOSTER, MICHAEL L.**, 58, of Belleville, passed away June 30. Mr.

Foster was retired from Ford Motor Company's Woodhaven Stamping Plant. He was also a member of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Wayne where he enjoyed being a deacon. He was also a member of the Farmington Masonic Lodge. Beloved husband of Ruby B. (Jones) Foster. Dear father of Cynthia (Alexander) King of Scottsville, KY and Lisa (Fred) Mayes of Willis. Dear brother of Doug (Cookie) Foster of Mineral Bluff, GA and Karen (Steve) Taylor of Blue Ridge, GA. Loved grandfather of Jonathan and Sarah Wilde of Scottsville, KY and Michael and Zachary Mayes of Willis. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Edkord and Evelyn (Ward) Foster. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Rev. Alden Tindell and Rev. W.C. Henson officiating. Interment followed at Marble park Cemetery in Milan. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

**HUGHEY, KAREN S.**, of Romulus (formerly of the Vassar Michigan area), passed away July 14 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor at the age of 54. Karen Sue Hughey was born January 1948 in Caro, MI. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest and Lena (Tedford) Barrons. She and Charles Hughey were united in marriage in September 1984 in Romulus, and he survives her. She attended the Watrousville United Methodist Church. She was a manager for several years at McDonald's Restaurant in Taylor. She then became employed for Carlisle of Belleville in Quality Control. Karen enjoyed crocheting, sewing, camping, and playing cards. Besides her loving husband Charles, three sons and their spouses survive her (Rodney and Amy Hay of Romulus; Roger Hay of Newark, DE; and also Travis and Suzie Hay of Newark, DE). Also surviving are her stepsons and their spouses, Charles and Sharon Hughey of Eurin, NC and William and Jamie Hughey of Spring Lake, NC; eleven grandchildren; and her sisters, Dorothy Mullin of Caro, Darline (Dick) Wilder of Caro, Wilda (Neil) Hess of Vassar, and Nancy

(Dale) Kreil of Vassar. Her parents and her brother Charles "Butch" Barrons precede her in death. They all will truly miss Karen. Funeral services took place at Martin Funeral Home, Clark Chapel in Mt. Morris, MI at the top of the hill Vassar. You may share your memories of Karen on the funeral home website [www.martinfuneral-home.com](http://www.martinfuneral-home.com).

**KILPATRICK, ALAN J.**, 54, of Westland, passed away June 29. Mr. Kilpatrick was a retired Ford Motor Company Supervisor. He is survived by his loving wife Debra Kilpatrick; his son Alan Kilpatrick; his mother Katherine Kilpatrick; and his brother H. David Kilpatrick. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Pastor Kevin Marshall officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

**LAWSON, CECIL R.**, 68, of Belleville, passed away July 1. Mr. Lawson was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge. Beloved husband of Joan R. (Daroci) Lawson. Dearest father of Debra

(Roger) Miller of Belleville and Ricky Lawson of Jackson. Dear brother of William (Gwen) Lawson of Missouri. Also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents Charles and Mae (Webb) Lawson; his son Ronald Lawson; and two brothers. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to Arbor Hospice-Allen Park Office. David C. Brown Funeral Home made arrangements.

**LINE, APRIL LIN-MARIE**, 48, of Westland, passed away July 1. Loving mother of Christopher Paul Line, Ian Blake Line, and Tammy Johnsen. Beloved son of Gloria (Paul) Karber. Dearest sister of the late Paul Karber Jr. Loved grandmother of Mazzy Johnsen. Funeral services were held at Tri-City Christian Center in Canton with rev. Rocky Barra. Interment followed at the University of Michigan Medical School. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

CITY OF INKSTER

Case No. 02-215682-CH

State of Michigan, In the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, City of Inkster, Plaintiff, vs. Pauline Jacobs, Defendant.

Order Allowing Substituted Services

At a session of said court held in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on July 26, 2002.

PRESENT: HONORABLE TIMOTHY M. KENNY, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

This matter having come before the court for the Petition For Substituted Service and the court being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that service of process be made upon the aforesaid Defendants in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give said Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that substituted service be made in accordance with MCR 2.105 and 2.106 to serve the aforesaid Defendants by posting at the address of the structure located at 26719 Andover, Inkster, MI 48141, by First Class Mail and by publication in the event that service has not otherwise been effectuated.

The Plaintiff has brought this action against Defendants and all other persons who may claim an interest in the following property in order to seek an abatement of a nuisance by demolition of the property located at 26719 Andover, in legally described as: East 25 feet of lot 263 and west 15 feet of Lot 264, including the adjoining 1/2 of the vacated public alley at the rear thereof, (Greater Dearborn Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 55, Page 62 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants shall appear before the Honorable Timothy M. Kenny, located in room 302 in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, 1441 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48226 at 9:00 a.m. on August 2, 2002 to Show Cause why an order should not be entered abating a public nuisance by demolition.

Timothy M. Kenny  
Circuit Court Judge

(A true copy)  
Cathy M. Garrett Clerk  
Milton Spokojny (P-20854)  
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CITY OF INKSTER

Case No. 02-215684-CH

State of Michigan, In the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, City of Inkster, Plaintiff, vs. Alex Cray, First Nationwide Bank FUNB/P Jr. and State of Michigan, Defendants.

Order Allowing Substituted Service

At a session of said court held in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on July 26, 2002.

PRESENT: HONORABLE TIMOTHY M. KENNY, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

This matter having come before the court for the Petition For Substituted Service and the court being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that service of process be made upon the aforesaid Defendants in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give said Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that substituted service be made in accordance with MCR 2.105 and 2.106 to serve the aforesaid Defendants by posting at the address of the structure located at 26143 Penn, Inkster, MI 49141, by First Class Mail and by publication in the event that service has not otherwise been effectuated.

The Plaintiff has brought this action against Defendants and all other persons who may claim an interest in the following property in order to seek an abatement of a nuisance by demolition of the property located at 26143 Penn, legally described as: Lot 250, Assessors Inkster Plat No. 6, as recorded in Liber 65, Page 47 of Plats, Wayne. County Records.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants shall appear before the Honorable Timothy M. Kenny, located in room 302 in the Frank Murphy Hill of Justice, 1441 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48226 at 9:00 a.m. on August 2, 2002, to Show Cause why an order should not be entered abating a public nuisance by demolition.

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CITY OF INKSTER

Case No. 02-215683-CH

State of Michigan, In the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, City of Inkster, Plaintiff, vs. & Marcellus L. Ganibril and Annie Gambрил, husband and wife, Bloomfield, Savings & Loan Association, First Nationwide Bank, FUNB, Daly Real Estate Services, Inc and Williamson Investments, Defendants.

Order Allowing Substituted Services

At a session so said court held in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on July 26, 2002.

PRESENT: HONORABLE TIMOTHY M. KENNY, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

This matter having come before the court for the Petition For Substituted Service and the court being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that service of process be made upon the aforesaid Defendants in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give said Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that substituted service be made in accordance with MCR 2.105 and 2.106 to serve the aforesaid Defendants by posting at the address of the structure located at 3230 Springhill, Inkster, MI 48141, by First Class Mail and by publication in the event that service has not otherwise been effectuated.

The Plaintiff has brought this action against Defendants and all other persons who may claim an interest in the following property in order to seek an abatement of a nuisance by demolition of the property located at 3230 Springhill, in legally described as: Lot 289, Dearborn Acres Subdivision No. 2, as recorded in Liber 33, Page 79 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants shall appear before the Honorable Timothy M. Kenny, located in room 302 in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, 1441 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48226 at 9:00 a.m. on August 2, 2002 to Show Cause why an order should not be entered abating a public nuisance by demolition.

Timothy M. Kenny  
Circuit Court Judge

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CITY OF INKSTER

Case No. 02-215680-CH

State of Michigan, In the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, City of Inkster, Plaintiff, vs. Pauline Jacobs, Defendant.

Order Allowing Substituted Services

At a session so said court held in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on July 26, 2002.

PRESENT: HONORABLE TIMOTHY M. KENNY, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

This matter having come before the court for the Petition For Substituted Service and the court being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that service of process be made upon the aforesaid Defendants in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give said Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that substituted service be made in accordance with MCR 2.105 and 2.106 to serve the aforesaid Defendants by posting at the address of the structure located at 4037 Springhill, Inkster, MI 48141, by First Class Mail and by publication in the event that service has not otherwise been effectuated.

The Plaintiff has brought this action against Defendants and all other persons who may claim an interest in the following property in order to seek an abatement of a nuisance by demolition of the property located at 4037 Springhill, in legally described as: Lot 444, Dearborn Acres Subdivision No. 2, as recorded in Liber 33, Page 79 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants shall appear before the Honorable Timothy M. Kenny, located in rom 302 in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, 1441 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48226 at 9:00 a.m. on August 2, 2002 to Show Cause why an order should not be entered abating a public nuisance by demolition.

Timothy M. Kenny  
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

Lillian Randolph honored posthumously

Former Inkster Community Development Director Lillian Joyce Randolph was honored by Michigan Community and Economic Development officials posthumously during ceremonies held in East Lansing last week on the campus of Michigan State University.

Randolph, who served as MSU Community and Economic Development director in Detroit after she left Inkster, was eulogized by Rex LaMore, project Director, Michigan Partnership for Economic Development Assistance, as a dedicated and caring professional who "encouraged all to do their best for their communities."

LaMore presented Phillip Randolph, Lillian's husband, with a Memorial Plaque which had engraved upon it, "in memory of the great work that you have set in motion."

Mrs. Randolph died on June 16, 2002, at the age of 52.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Randolph was working with community leaders to see how they may be able to secure funding for affordable housing in the City of Inkster. Her colleagues on council remember the former city planner as an advocate for rebuilding the neighborhoods and urging employees to give 100-plus percent to the projects they were assigned to and to the citizens they serve.



Phillip Randolph (at left) accepts memorial plaque from MSU's Rex LaMore.

The memorial plaque was presented to Phillip Randolph during a ceremony in Lansing that highlighted Mrs. Randolph goals and dreams: "Strengthening Community Economies in Turbulent Times".

Mrs. Randolph is survived by her husband, Phillip, and a daughter, Grace.

Community leader concerned about 'chaos in our schools'

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Venerable Booker T. Dozier, whose name embraces the Inkster Recreation Department's building, Wednesday night cautioned mayor and city council that a takeover by the state of the Inkster School District would cause irreparable harm to the children and the image of the city.

"We have no one to blame but ourselves for the present chaos in our schools," Dozier said. "We didn't get involved in our schools, and that's what happens when parents and officials turn their backs on a problem. It comes back to haunt not only them, but all of us. Now, we are in deep trouble, and I am here to rally our citizens behind our school district."

In debt to the tune of \$1.2 million in 2000, the Inkster School Board signed a first of its kind in Michigan contract with New York-based Edison Schools, a private management corporation, to operate the local school district if Edison would bail the schools out of debt. With one dissenting vote, a contract was signed and delivered to Edison.

Over the past two years, Edison and the school board have stood toe-to-toe on a wide range of issues which culminated in a war of words and accusations. The scandalous behavior by both parties invited intervention by the State Board of Education.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Watkins put a review team together to investigate the allegations made by both sides and after a series of meetings with the parties Watkins decided to invoke Public Act 72, in essence, saying that the state board of education could not break the impasse between the two groups and asking that the governor intervene.

Gov. John Engler also sent in a review team whose findings were recently presented to him.

According to the Superintendent of Public Instruction's Office, the governor has 90 days to decide what course the state will take in assuring that the children will receive a quality education in the school district.

"It will be up to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to nominate three candidates to serve as financial manager of the school district, but ultimately it will be up to the governor which of the three candidates will be appointed."

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Van Buren Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, on Wednesday July 24, 2002 to consider the following:

An Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended of the Charter Township of Van Buren to amend the following:

**ARTICLE XIV, OT, OFFICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT, SECTION 14.05, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR ALL PERMITTED USES IN THE DISTRICT, SUBSECTION 7, OUTDOOR LIGHTING**, to modify existing standards and include new provisions regarding light pole heights for developments of various sizes.

A complete text of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the Township Department of Developmental Services Office. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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July 18, 2002

Police say Summerfest went smoothly

Most of those who attended the city-sponsored 2002-Summerfest held over the weekend, came away with a lot of pleasant memories and enjoyed the scores of programs and entertainment and the wide variety of food the summer classic offered.

Police officials said on Monday that the three-day program, staged on the grounds of the Floyd Simmons Multipurpose Building on Carlyle Avenue, went off with only two minor incidents.

"We arrested a person for operating a vehicle while under the influence, and there was a case of juveniles involved in some vandalism," said Inkster Police Chief Terry Colwell. "That's the extent of the police activity. Usually when you have hundreds of people crammed in one area you expect some problems, but this year's crowds came out to enjoy themselves."

"We really didn't have a major problem."

There was a problem in scheduling however. Some metropolitan newspapers erroneously publicized the dates of the Summerfest. Also there was a conflict between the Summerfest and the Classic Car Display dates.

City officials explained that the sponsors of the Classic Cars had set their dates a year ago, and when the Summerfest Committee was forced to hold the festival a week earlier to ensure the availability of the carnival, it created a conflict.

Class of '82 sets fundraiser

The Inkster Class of 1982 will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Star Dust Lounge in Inkster.

Christha Johnson-Bond, one of the organizers of the program, said the purpose for the informal get-together is to receive input from former classmates about a class reunion scheduled for sometime in September.

Tickets for the Aug. 21 affair at the popular Inkster lounge are \$8 per person (advance) and \$10 at the door. Star Dust is located at 3766 Inkster Road.

Those interested can reach Johnson-Bond by dialing 313-562-1755.

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Personally, I am very pleased with the progress thus far and am confident that we've headed in the right direction. Now public housing is characterized by clean curbs, maintained lawns, and open areas, better lighting, well kept homes, happy children and contented residents.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Thursday, August 1, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI, for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Tuesday, August 6, 2002 Primary Election. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734-699-8909.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk  
Van Buren Charter Twp.

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July 25, 2002

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Wednesday July 24, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

A request to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6/2/92, as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel number V125-83-104-99-0006-701 and V125-83-104-99-0005-000 from AG (Agricultural and Estates-A) to R-1B (Single Family Residential) located on the south side of Savage Road, between Martinsville Road and Haggerty Road.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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## Government waste an epidemic

Our democracy is the best government on this planet, yet I marvel at the wasteful spending it allows to take place. That's because many of our elected officials and appointed bureaucrats simply don't care. They are too busy getting elected or covering their butt to concern themselves with tedious tasks like watching the taxpayers' money.

An organization called Citizens Against Government Waste, tries to keep tabs on wasteful spending through a newsletter they publish bi-monthly. The latest letter refers to the September 11th syndrome that I wrote about a couple of weeks ago.

The September 11th terrorist attacks have quite simply spurred the biggest round of government spending since the space program in the early 1960's. Federal outlays for just the new Homeland Defense department, which many political pundits debate whether it has any clout or not, will be more than \$57 billion by the end of the year.

Many would question whether that is waste. But remember budgets for the FBI, the CIA, the DOD, the DEA, and others have also skyrocketed. One has to question whether we need another layer of defense.

One of the tasks of Homeland Security will be securing the nation's airports. In November, 10s of thousands of workers will be hired by our government to take over the screening responsibilities. Most of those workers will be hired from the private firms that now have the responsibility and failed miserably last month when nearly 25 percent of the undercover tests conducted showed that screeners failed to detect guns, dynamite, or even bombs. Is federal money, which comes directly from our pockets, going to be more effective than private companies in providing security? I doubt it.

But let's forget about September 11th for a moment. Have you checked the price of milk lately? Our government pays milk producers to crank out 25 percent more than consumers are willing to buy? In a free marketplace that would mean the price of milk would go down. Not here. Every time you buy a gallon, the federal government buys an extra quart with your

money. Storage costs for the extra quarts keep piling up to the tune of \$20 million last year.

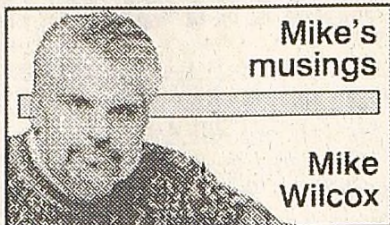
Another wasteful scheme is "First Accounts" a Treasury Department program to teach low-income citizens to open bank accounts. To date, 15 grants totaling \$8.4 million have been authorized to open 35,445 proposed bank accounts. Do the math. That means it will cost \$236 to open up each bank account. Ouch!

And then there is the Senate passed bill in June to establish an office of Electronic Government, within the Office of Management and Budget. If passed by the House, this measure would authorize \$345 million to fund e-government projects, establish an online directory of federal Web sites and require federal courts to post opinions online. Sounds like a job ordinary taxpayers might throw a million at, but \$345 million, c'mon.

Amtrak, the forever troubled rail system, will lose over \$1 billion for the second year in a row. They are asking Congress for at least \$1.2 billion in federal subsidies to allow them to operate another year. I say let them go out of business. Who cares?

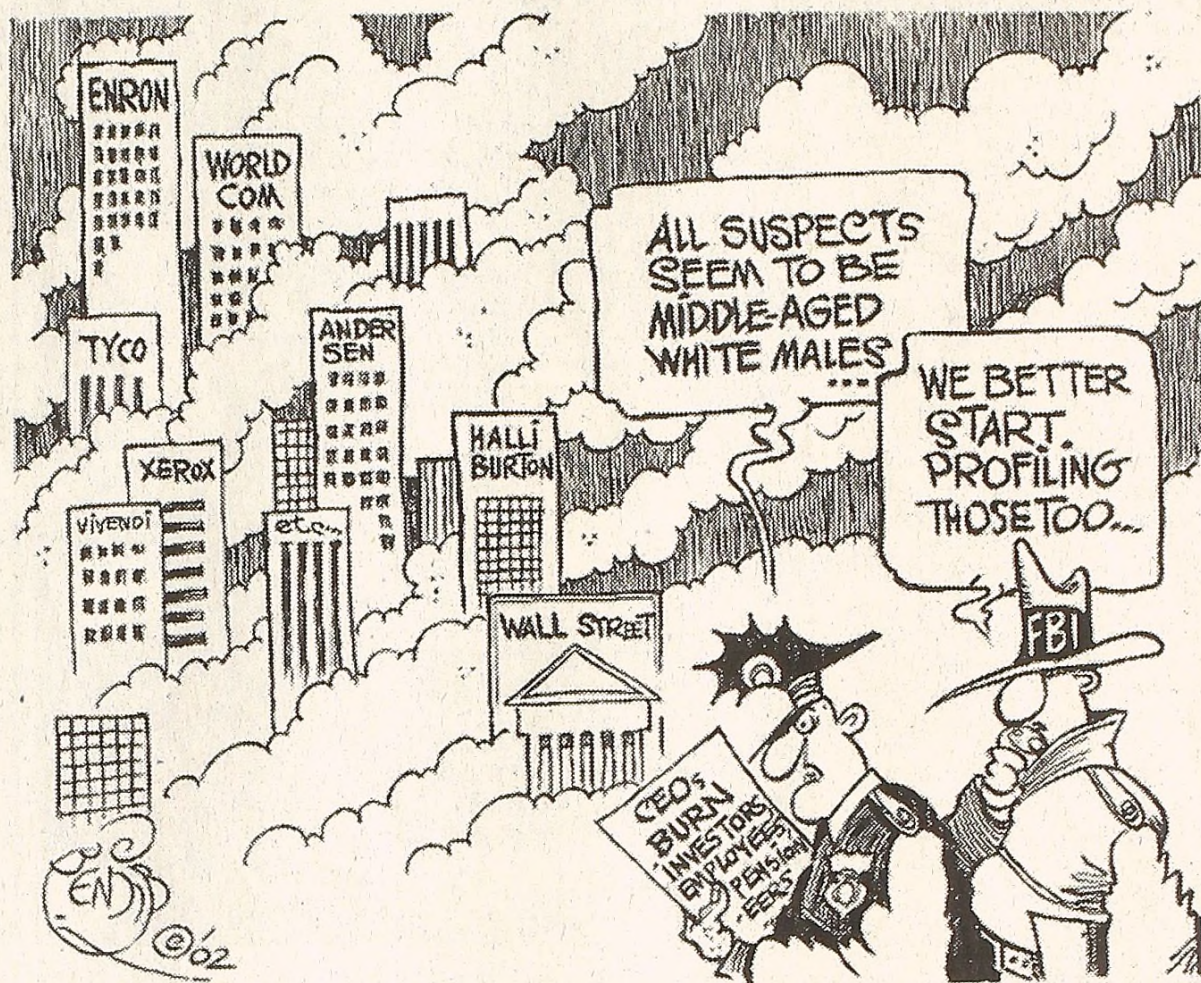
The Post Office is nearly as bad. Despite steadily increasing postal hikes, the mail service lost \$281 million in the last three months. Taxpayers and those that buy 37-cent stamps continue to get hit while bulk mailers who provide you with hundreds of pieces of unwanted mail monthly continue to pay unrealistically low postal rates.

As citizens we need to keep government spending, at all levels, in check. It is much easier at the local level when we can vote "no" to a 90 percent increase for SMART. But we also need to take an interest in who we elect to the state and federal levels of government. It is those representatives that make many of the spending decisions. That is one reason to make sure you vote intelligently on August 6.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



## Out with the new, in with the old

Canton's Bartlett-Travis House stands the traditional New Year's toast, "Out with old, in with new," on its head.

The Greek Revival home, restored at a cost of \$500,000, brings the tried and true to an untried-and-new township.

"Canton has changed," said Susan Campbell, a great-grandniece of Heloise Travis, who sold the family home in the 1950s.

Campbell joined a large portion of the Travis clan at the Bartlett-Travis House's dedication on Friday afternoon.

With almost everybody else, they gathered in the shade of the roofed, wraparound porch, a cool relief from the scorching sun.

If central air conditioning represents the new, that porch represents the old — Victorian air conditioning.

When I was a lake dweller, I grew attached to porch swings and breezes. So I not only love bringing back the old, I wish we would bring back more, starting with traditional

American rights and freedoms that protected Heloise Travis in the Bartlett-Travis House when it was a dairy farm on Warren and Canton Central Road.

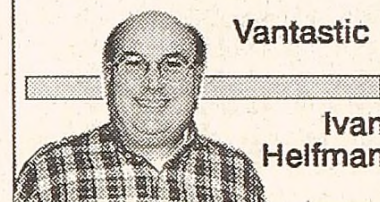
Instead we're bringing in the new — as in Brave New World. The worst of the new being Operation TIPS (the Terrorism Information and Prevention System), which begins spying on Americans in ten cities in August.

According to Operation TIPS' Web Site (<http://www.citizenecorps.gov/tips.html>):

"Operation TIPS is a nationwide program giving millions of American truckers, letter carriers, train conductors, ship captains, utility employees, and others a formal way to report suspicious terrorist activity."

In the program's pilot stage, one million "well-positioned" workers will report "suspicious activity" to the U.S. Department of Justice.

"Everywhere in America, a concerned worker can call a toll-free



Vantastic

Ivan Helfman

number and be connected directly to a hotline routing calls to the proper law enforcement agency or other responder organizations when appropriate," the Web site says.

This works out to one in 24 Americans, or four percent of Americans. To put this in perspective, the Soviet Union's KGB had employed about 480,000 full-time domestic spies to oversee a nation of 280 million, or one agent per 5,830 citizens. The Nazi Gestapo had one domestic spy for 2,000 people.

Looks like our new police state will be the biggest and best.

But if Operation TIPS is the new and the Bartlett-Travis House is the

## Criminal trail rules keep changing

Most people have either read about or heard on TV news of the Detroit woman who her left her two young children in her car while she spent several hours in a beauty salon. The children died of heat exposure.

The woman was arrested and charged with felony murder. However, Judge Stephen C. Cooper reduced the charge to involuntary manslaughter. The difference in possible sentences would be life imprisonment for murder versus a maximum of 15 years for manslaughter.

The judge says he reduced the charge because the woman told a police officer she was too dumb to realize the children might be in danger in the car.

But the judge may have acted too hastily. It now turns out that the woman had earlier abandoned a third newly born at an adoption agency. The prosecutor's office says that may have a bearing on her motive in the present case.

However, Assistant Prosecutor Marc Baron did not raise that issue because he didn't have the paper documentation although he knew of the allegation. Couldn't he have asked the judge to defer his decision on lowering the charge while the paperwork was being obtained?

Presumably the original charge could be reinstated if new evidence warrants it.

This may sound like Keystone Kops but there is a history of playing games with the charges leveled



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

against defendants.

One use seen in TV crime stories and movies is promising a criminal a reduced charge (and sentence) if he will "roll over" on another criminal (testify against him). Prosecutors say this is a valuable tool in convicting more important criminals. Sometimes charges are even dismissed against the criminal.

Perhaps the most famous recent case is where Sammy "the Bull" who had confessed to over 29 murders was set free when he testified against the New York crime boss John Gotti.

There was a time when prosecutors had to make a decision on what crime to charge a defendant. Then the jury would vote either guilty or not guilty.

However, prosecutors and legislators felt too many defendants were being turned loose so they came up with the "lesser included charge" concept.

Under this law, the prosecutor can charge a defendant with first degree murder but if the jury thinks the charge is too harsh or hasn't been proved it can still convict on second degree murder or

manslaughter.

Some prosecutors have been alleged to take advantage of this and "overcharged" defendants. Juries convict on a lesser charge and feel they have done their duty. However, the lesser charge may have been the only one justified by the evidence. That could be described as manipulating a jury.

Then there is the Grand Jury indictment. Originally, prosecutors were excluded from Grand Jury sessions. Ordinary citizens on the jury called witnesses and decided what charges, if any, should be made against a suspect.

That has been turned on its head. Prosecutors now run grand juries, decide which witnesses will be called and even in some jurisdictions what questions the jury can ask.

Then there is jury nullification. Originally juries were the finders of fact but could vote not guilty if they thought the law was unjust for the circumstances. Now, while most judges will admit that juries still have that right, they systematically exclude anyone from juries who is aware of jury nullification.

However, the number of prisoners on death row found to be innocent by DNA testing may signify that changing the rules to get more convictions may have had unintended consequences.

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## Cigarette tax eliminated deficit

Just say no to drugs, violence, corruption, and taxes. That's right, no to taxes. All the lip service about our poor local cities not having enough money to spend because the economy took a little downturn is out the window.

The Michigan Senate voted to raise the state's cigarette tax from 75 cents to \$1.25 a pack to balance the state budget. The increase will raise close to \$300 million extra, which will more than offset any shortfall.

You might also find it interesting that a \$100,000 house in Inkster or Westland pays close to \$600 more than a comparable house in Taylor. Our government gets plenty of money. Spend it wisely.

Heard from local band Missus Perkins. They are playing July 26 at the Stony Creek Brewery in Detroit.

Heard from Jamie Coe. He said Velkro, Brandon Taylor's band, plays every Tuesday at Jamie's on Ford Road in Garden City. Danny Harrington plays there on Wednes-

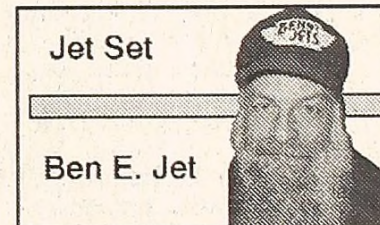
days, Bridge on Thursdays, Government Honey on Fridays and Saturdays, and Benny and the Jets on Sundays.

Met Al Harlin at the Westland Festival. Al played guitar with several area bands in the 50s and 60s. He asked me to write about Farris Wilder, Randy Sea, Paul Webb, Jack Rainwater, and Jack Scott.

Harlin says Farris Wilder was a great entertainer who played for many years at Club Canton, the current home of Cactus Jumpers.

My favorite neighbor Kathleen Makstutis asked if we could trumpet Cherry Hill High School's 60s and 70s class reunion. The July 27 party features food, music, raffles, and old friends and even older teachers to catch up with. For more information, e-mail Debbie at [dball824@aol.com](mailto:dball824@aol.com).

A few columns ago I mentioned Elvis, who always sparks plenty of response. Sandra the Moon Child diva thinks that I should never mention Elvis and Eminem in the same



Jet Set

Ben E. Jet

column. Our friend Mr. Positive agreed and said that no one will ever compare Eminem to the King.

Ivan Helfman said that when it comes to number of records sold, people might find the Andrew Sisters' stats very interesting.

Gino the Mailman sent me a copy of the new Elvis hit, "A little less conversation," a remix. I am not impressed. I had expected a lot more. Seems they added spaceship noises, bongos, and echo. I liked the original better.

Listen to Benny and the Jets on the Mitch Albom Show, WJR 760 AM, on Tuesday, July 23, from 3 to 6 p.m. Contact Ben E. at (313) 730-1627 or [BENNYANDTHEJETS.COM](mailto:BENNYANDTHEJETS.COM).

### SOUND OFF EXTRA — (734) 729-4000 X 206

#### Headline about arrested hockey coach was misleading about city

Your article, "Wayne hockey coach arrested": Yes, it is unfortunate that the man lives in Wayne, but as far as I know, he has nothing to do with Wayne hockey.

#### 'Anyone seeking to represent me in Lansing had better be above reproach'

After reading the editorial by Mike Wilcox about the behavior of one state Rep John Stewart, I am angry. Sure, this story has played out quite a bit in all the local and regional papers, but Mike hit the nail squarely on the

head.

Anyone seeking to represent me in Lansing had better be above reproach and conduct themselves as an absolute professional at all times.

Mark Blackwell, for example, has been a nuisance to the Wayne City Council and nips at the heels of council members about unimportant and ridiculous issues, meeting after meeting.

I don't know anything about Jonathon Grant. However, this man came to our city council meeting to introduced himself. He was respectful of our agenda and refused to "stump" from the council chambers podium.

I can hardly wait for Aug. 6 so I can vote against Stewart and Blackwell.

#### To deprive special education kids of simple things like textbooks

I take issue with Mr. Wilcox's stance against Proposal K [a proposed countywide property tax to help pay for special education students in Wayne County's public schools].

Perhaps I seem biased, as this proposal affects both my children. My daughter is neurologically typical; my son is autistic. The truth is that special education has been severely underfunded for years. Because of the laws governing "fair and appropriate public education," funds set aside for general education are funneled to special education. This leaves special education and general education underfunded.

To say that we as tax payers pay enough to educate our children is to say it is acceptable that my daughter cannot take home a textbook because there aren't enough to go around. It is the same as saying that helping special education students reach their full potential and realize the satisfaction of being independent and becoming contributing taxpayers is a waste of time.

When I think of special education, I think of all of the dedicated individuals who helped my son come from being a child that does not speak, does not relate to the world around him, does not interact with his peers, cannot tell me when he is sick or in pain, and basically lived in a world of his own, become a child learning to speak, able to express his

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Belle Pointe Estates homeowners want to live in peace

To the editor:

In March 2002, I was elected President of Belle Pointe Estates Condo Association. Immediately, I set out on a fact-finding mission to determine what are the barriers stopping the completion of our new subdivision in Van Buren Township. We live in a quiet community that was midway into construction of its 100 homes, when I purchased back in March 1998.

However, things did not progress as expected for a project of this size. I considered other nearby subdivisions in 1997; they were long ago completed. Today, I find myself along with approximately 60 other neighbors caught in a nightmare and cannot awaken. It's unbelievable that as we look ever more carefully, more problems are revealed. I am desperate to bring our situation into full public disclosure and to assure that other people cannot be victimized, as I have witnessed so many innocent neighbors.

The big picture across America suggests the modern pace and availability of low-interest mortgage financing has left the old-fashioned banker's scrutiny and wisdom behind. No one is following the paper-work trail to assure that widespread fraud does not occur. Therefore honest people are finding themselves victimized by a new breed of carpetbaggers, with occupations like builder, appraiser, title insurance company worker, and so on.

Our construction site stands at approximately 60 percent complete. Thirty percent of the original homeowners have been evicted or forced to sell due to foreclosures or sheriff sales.

Our property values went down in 2001, because unfinished construction has left the site in an unsightly manner, yet property taxes were raised. The reality of building new houses is fraught with hidden risks, frustration and chaos is the order of the day. Buyers beware! Cindy King, Van Buren Township supervisor, and other officials have publicly acknowledged the township's failure to adequately check into the former builder's license status in January 1994, when the project began.

Amos Knoll, of Coast To Coast, was gossiped about for shady dealing in Oakland County before he made Van Buren homebuyers his prey down in Wayne County. Currently, he is operating out of a luxury suite in Bloomfield Hills.

Ultimately, everyone must become aware of Cameron McNally's resignation as Van Buren building director in connection with an alleged payoff that was allegedly taken while performance bonding requirements were ignored. These allegations were not forthcoming until Brenda Gracin, a reporter, showed us the power of the Freedom of Information Act.

Robert Ianni, of the state Attorney General's office, recently met with us on June 18. He launched an investigation to determine who should be charged with criminal misconduct.

Though this news was reported by Brenda Gracin in the June 27 Belleville Enterprise, no actions have been communicated back to us. The Ann Arbor News also featured an article about our plight on July 3.

I am appalled by the destruction that only a few greedy individuals could do to so many families without anyone being held to account for a single act.

Now, according to Marjorie Karjala's Ann Arbor News article, Bryce Kelly, the current building director, is reportedly considering if residents should make up for the builder's losses through increased property taxes.

Though corruption ran rampant during every stage of the project has ruined the lives of many families, no one has been brought to justice, and the surviving victims could be taxed to fix this mess. Did Justice and Morality pack and leave America? They certainly seem to have vacated Van Buren.

I am committed to represent the residents of Belle Pointe Estates, to get our story told, and to see justice returned. Our financial resources are quite limited, so legal representation is an insurmountable challenge. One-third of residents refuse to contribute condo association dues out of fear that the money may get into the hands of the former builder, whom they distrust. Our dream is simply to live in the safety and peace of Van Buren.

Oddly enough, this is a rainbow community consisting of many different racial and ethnic groups, including doctors, professionals, entrepreneurs and tradesmen. Martin Luther King would want to see his children reside in a diverse community such as ours.

Please tell our story to whomever might possibly be of assistance to our small struggling community.

Thank you,  
Theo Hollins Jr.,  
Belle Pointe Condo  
Association president  
Van Buren

**ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
ADVERTISEMENT TO BID**

1. Barton Malow Company, requests bids on behalf of Romulus Community Schools for the construction of the Storage Building - for Bid Package No. 12 work. **Bid proposals will be received by Romulus Community Schools, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174, delivery or mail, to the attention of Mr. William Routhier by 2:00 p.m. local time on July 30, 2002.**

2. Proposals shall be prepared in accordance with the Project Manual dated June 21, 2002 by the Barton Malow Company and contract and construction documents prepared by the Architect dated May 23, 2002 for:

**BID PACKAGE NO. 12 - STORAGE BUILDING  
ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

**Bid Category - 19000 - Storage Building Design and Construction**

3. A refundable deposit of \$50.00 per document set is required. Deposit checks should be made payable to the Barton Malow Company. Deposits will be refunded upon return of the bid documents to the Barton Malow Company with thirty (30) days after opening of proposals provided the documents are complete, in clean and usable condition, and free of marks or other defacement.

4. Bidding documents can be obtained from Barton Malow Company jobsite trailer behind the Romulus High School located at 9650 S. Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174; phone (734) 941-0869; fax (734) 941-1278. Bidding documents will be available June 28, 2002.

5. Accepted bidders will be required, as a condition precedent to award of contract, to furnish in the amount of 100% of the contract price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance is required in the Project Manual. This project is subject to state sales tax and/or use tax.

6. There will be a walk-thru on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. This will be held at Romulus Community Schools Administration Building located at 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

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July 25, 2002

Fireworks praised

To the editor:

It's 10:30 p.m. and I am enjoying the celebration of America.

For those who do not seem to like the noise of the fireworks — shut your doors, close the windows, and turn on your air.

The fireworks display was a beautiful sight and a reminder that this is America and we are free to celebrate in an appropriate manner.

Who are you to say that these were "illegal"? The police and fire departments have better things to do than police local neighborhoods for "illegal fireworks."

Their time was better used patrolling the streets to make sure the everyone was safe from real crime.

I know that you are so worried about sleeping and, at times, I can respect this, but for five days out of 365, I cannot believe you would bring up such petty issues.

By the way, for those caught in the parade traffic, find another route.

I won't hide my identity.  
Kelly Miller,  
Westland

CITY OF ROMULUS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JULY 1, 2002 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Randolph Gear

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Randolph Gear, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth  
Excused: None  
Absent: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
Alan Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
Kathleen Lindroth, Deputy Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth the agenda as amended.\*  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-248

2A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 24, 2002.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak. Nays - None. Abstain Wadsworth. Motion Carried.

02-249

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to deny PC-2002-010, the request from Terrill Nickles to rezone 3.53+/- acres on the south side of Eureka Road between Merriman and Colbert Roads (DPs# 138 99 0007 001, 138 99 0008 001) from R1-A (Single Family Residential) to C-3 (Highway Service) for the proposed development of a Wheat N Rye bar/restaurant. The denial was based in part on the Planners Report dated May 8, 2002. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3B. Item deleted.

02-250

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to open a temporary window period benefit for the purpose of reorganization within the police department as follows:  
Any member of the City of Romulus RCOA who qualifies for retirement under the MERS plan by September 3 0, 2002 will be eligible for the following increased pension benefit: a 3% multiplier, FAC-3,E-2. This window of opportunity would be from July 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002 and retirement must commence by October 1, 2002. Employees would have the option of purchasing up to 4 years generic service time to meet the above retirement criteria; purchase must be completed by September 30, 2002.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-251

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a No Fee Permit for the St. Aloysius Annual Festival to be held August 23, 24, 25, 2002.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-252

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adopt the Equalization Basin Resolution for the South Huron Valley Utility Authority. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-253

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak reject Bid 01/02-53 Fire Fighter Turn Out Gear based on noncompliance with all bid specifications and requirements.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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needs, and able to engage his peers.

Special education and the people involved in it represent individuals dedicated to these kids. They don't make a lot of money, but the wealth in making a difference in a child's life goes beyond measure. We are so very blessed because there are families out there with children who aren't doing as well as my son but look at their child and know that the potential is there.

Untapped potential because the programs to help them simply aren't there. This is not even taking into consideration the thousands of dollars that we parents of special needs kids pay out of pocket for home programs to help our children.

Perhaps some would be happy to lock these children in a closet, wait until they are adults, and put them on social security until that fund is bankrupt. Invest a little now, or pay a whole lot later. Pretty simple economics.

I also don't think it's fair to the general education students to be deprived of programs because we as tax payers don't think that investing in the future of all children is something worthwhile.

To be deprived of simple things like a textbook is criminal. These children are our future. When we fail to invest in them, we fail ourselves as a people. It is no wonder to me that so many kids find themselves in trouble or seem so apathetic to the world around them when they have adults telling them that they aren't worth the time or the money to invest in.

02-254

5C. Motion by Miller, supported by Romak to extend Bid 01/02-33 Police Vehicle Change Over with Priority One Emergency at their current bid price through January 12, 2003.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-255

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to award bid 02/03-08 to the lowest bidder, Pritula & Sons Excavation for a three year contract beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2005.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-256

5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-1 as follows:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET
Narcotic Forfeiture					
Expenditures					
267-000.00-970.600		Capital Outlay - State	36,000	26,284	62,284
Fund Balance			AVAILABLE	AMENDMENT	BALANCE
Law Enforcement Fund			286,909	26,284	260,625

To appropriate additional funds for the purchase of an additional LoadOMeter wheel load weighing piece of equipment required when weighing an axle; for the purchase of bullet proof resistant vests and related Rapid Response Equipment; for the exterior lighting work at the Police Department; and for the changeover and related equipment for the first Chevy Tahoe.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-257

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-02 as follows:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET
Vehicle and Equipment					
Expenditures					
661-000.00-140.000		Machinery and Equipment	1,136.30	16,045	1,142,346
Fund Balance			AVAILABLE	AMENDMENT	BALANCE
Motor Vehicle and Equipment			1,299,695	6,045	1,293,650

To appropriate funds for the purchase of changeover equipment for the second Chevy Tahoe that replaced the Ford Expedition.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-258

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 01/02-22, 23 24 introduced at the meeting of June 24, 2002.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-259

6A2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller to schedule a Study Session on Monday, July 8, 2002 at 6: 00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of conducting a conceptual review of a proposed Planned Development Area (DPA) for Metro World Centre.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-260

6B1. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution deferring the 2002 Summer and Winter taxes without penalties and interest until February 28, 2003 for qualified homestead property taxpayers. A complete list in its entirety is on file in the Treasurer's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.  
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 1, 2002.

Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Rejection of special education millage would hurt us all

To the editor:

When my husband and I decided 17 years ago to invest in a home we did a lot of research. One of the major considerations was the school system. We planned to have children and wanted the very best education for them. We were drawn to Westland because the school system was considered to be one of the best in the state.

Over the years, we have seen the Wayne-Westland school system wax and wane, but we always had faith that our initial decision to raise a family in this community was a good one. Little did we realize then that our decision would touch our lives in a way we never anticipated.

We now have two children. Our daughter attends John Glen High School. So far she has gotten a good education, but I can see ways in which it can be improved. I understand that the hands of the school board are tied because of limited funding. Money that should be spent on general education is being funneled towards special education because of the laws governing a "free and appropriate education" for all students.

Special education costs a lot of money. Special education, even with the funds taken from general education, is still at a deficit. This leaves regular education and special education severely underfunded.

During these hard economic times, asking people for more tax money is not an easy question. People have lost or are on the verge of losing their jobs. Businesses are folding. It is a sometimes hard thing to do to volunteer to pay more money when the money you have is limited. Where will this leave to coming generation of young people?

Growing up Downriver, most people counted on getting a good job at one of the steel mills or auto manufacturing plants. In the 80s the bottom fell out and thousands lost their jobs. The industries that so many of us counted on to give us a financially-stable future were no longer there. Programs in the school system that could have taught us skills were not in place.

What could have made a difference? School programs that taught computer skills. School programs that taught technical skills. An education can make the difference between doing what you want to do to make a living, and doing what you have to do in order to survive.

There is a generation of children in school right now that we will be dependent upon when we grow old. Even if you don't have children, you will some day be dependent on the generation in school today. To deny the school system funds would be like shooting ourselves in the foot. We should support Proposal K.

Some may feel that funds should not be funneled to special education. Some may feel that it isn't fair to general education. Perhaps the need for special education does not touch their lives. Quite frankly, eventually it touches everyone life. It is a very personal cause for me as I have an 8.5-year-old autistic angel.

When I think of all the people who have helped my son go from being completely nonverbal and living in a world of his own, to the little boy who can now tell me when he is in pain, tell me when he is hungry, and say something so many parents take for granted, "I love you," I realize that this includes every single tax paying citizen.

It includes a dedicated staff of teachers and aids who certainly are not in it for the money but do it because they can make a substantial difference in the lives of children. I am so very grateful and words could never express the appreciation I feel in my heart to the citizens who contribute to his education through their taxes, the teachers and aids who take the time and truly care about these children, the school system that has in place a program that has tapped into my sons potential and helped him find his voice.

I know in my heart that someday, if the programs are there, my son will know the satisfaction of being an independent and contributing member of society.

I think of my son's classmates and all of the children benefiting from special education. I think of the families out there who look at their special needs children and see their potential but because of a lack of funding for programs are helpless to help their children realize their full potential.

Perhaps some people can't see it as I do. To them I say that investing in these children now can change a future from being dependent on welfare and social security, to adults who can support themselves. A small investment now, or a lifetime of dependence on social programs that are much more costly and do not offer the self satisfaction of being independent and contributing members of society.

To deny funding, to vote no on Proposal K, is the same as saying to the entire generation of students in school today, "You aren't worth the investment," forgetting that this is the generation of people who we will be dependent upon as we grow older.

Perhaps it is an over used quote, "It takes a village to raise a child," but no greater wisdom was ever spoken regarding the reflection all of us make on the generation of children today. Even in the face of my husband losing his job because of state cutbacks and despite the fact that I have a great concern over my own job, we support education and the future of all children. We support Proposal K.

I am asking all of the villagers who I live with to support our future. Register to vote, participate in the democratic process that so many of us hold dear, support Proposal K and make a difference in the lives of all of the children in our village.

Sincerely,  
Susan M. Barton  
Westland

Send a message by voting 'no' on sanitation millage

To the editor:

When you vote in the upcoming election, try looking beyond what people are saying. In their present positions of government could they accomplish the same things they say they would like to implement if elected to a different office?

I have found it humorous that many of the very same things they would propose to us as wanting to do during their tenure in their new position could be done in their present office if they desired to do so. You might then ask yourself, if she (he) wanted to do this, why didn't they try to accomplish it in their present office.

For instance, can't our attorney general present proposed changes to nursing home laws to the Michigan lawmakers?

On another thing, the proposed tax (millage) for the incinerator really bugs me. I still can't figure out how we became involved with such a rotten deal in the first place. It seems the coalition of cities do not have much power if they allow themselves to be charged a much higher fee than those not supporting the facility.

From a pure customer standpoint, I would have thought the coalition cities would be paying much less than others outside of it, since it is their tax money that helped build it in the first place.

The whole deal smells fishy to me.

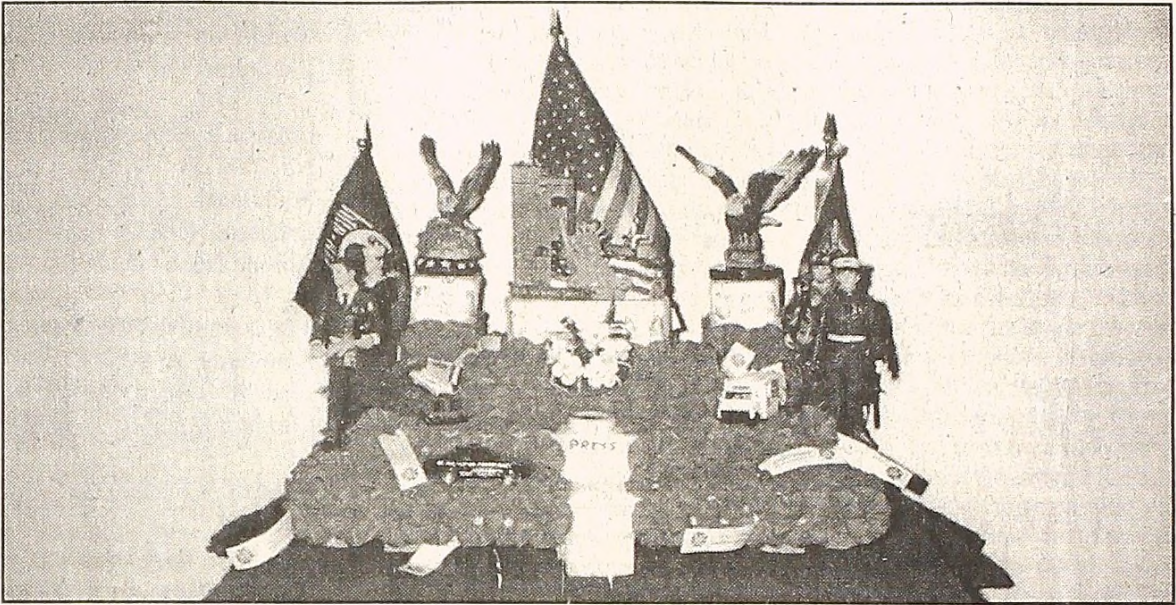
As we now have a balanced budget, while paying for the bond debt, I still say "no" to the millage.

As our mayor ran with the support of all the city unions, I would think her loyalties lie with them. If she ends up with more money to spend, I can see pay raises and everything else, for the unions, being implemented.

I would rather see a bond issue for additional fire and police equipment that will increase the safety of the men and women that support this community and newer equipment for the water department and others that will end up as cost savings. With manufacturing jobs being cut all around us, the union members should just be thankful they still have a job. When the job market gets better and more money comes into the city from sales, new stores, and industries then talk about raises.

Until the contract with the incinerator is changed in the cities favor or we get out of it all together, I will continue to vote "no" on any millage for the incinerator and I would encourage others to do the same. This will probably be the only way we can convince our city council and mayor to do something to reduce our incinerator costs.

Jack Stange  
Westland



Auxiliary wins awards

A poppy sculpture by Marion Langley, a member of Harris Kehr Auxiliary 3323 in Westland, won first prize in the Michigan Ladies VFW Auxiliary's Buddy Poppy Contest. The poppy sculpture advanced to the national contest. Several Auxiliary 3323 members won state awards: President Misty Young won the Allstate President Award, Pam Janis won the Cancer Award, Bessie Bell won the Historian Award and the Best Overall Publicity for the National President awards, and Jan Hall won the National Home and the VA Ann Arbor Hospital awards. Photo courtesy of Harris Kehr Auxiliary 3323

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# Most productive auto plant - look no further

By STEFANIE CARANO  
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus GM Powertrain allowed the Roman and other visitors to tour through their Ecorse Road facility. For two years in a row it has been North America's most productive v8 engine plant.

The facility manufactures v8 and v6 engines, producing cars such as the Chevrolet Blazer, Corvette, Silverado, Silverado HD and Avalanche, all of which have been named "Motor Trend's Car of the Year" from 1995-2002.

Before entering the plant floor, visitors were taken into a room called "Romulus Pride." Here replicas of the engines produced in the facility are on display. They are used for training purposes and visitor demonstrations.

Pictures line the walls depicting plant employees performing their daily tasks. The pictures change every week so that all plant workers are recognized. There is also a glass display case featuring employee awards and certificates.

According to Judy Giesking of Powertrain, the room is designed to enhance employee enthusiasm and recognize achievements. Award ceremonies are conducted in this room as well as their annual "Toys for Tots" charity program.

A commercial for United Auto

Workers was filmed here that starred 8 employees belonging to the Romulus plant. All employees belong to Local UAW 163. 2,200 employees work on the plant floor.

Visitors then entered the manufacturing plant. Machines stretch from floor to ceiling, performing a variety of tasks.

Through their required safety goggles, they are given a fish-bowl view of the different tasks performed here at the plant stopping at a number of different "stations" where the tasks performed by workers are explained and demonstrated.

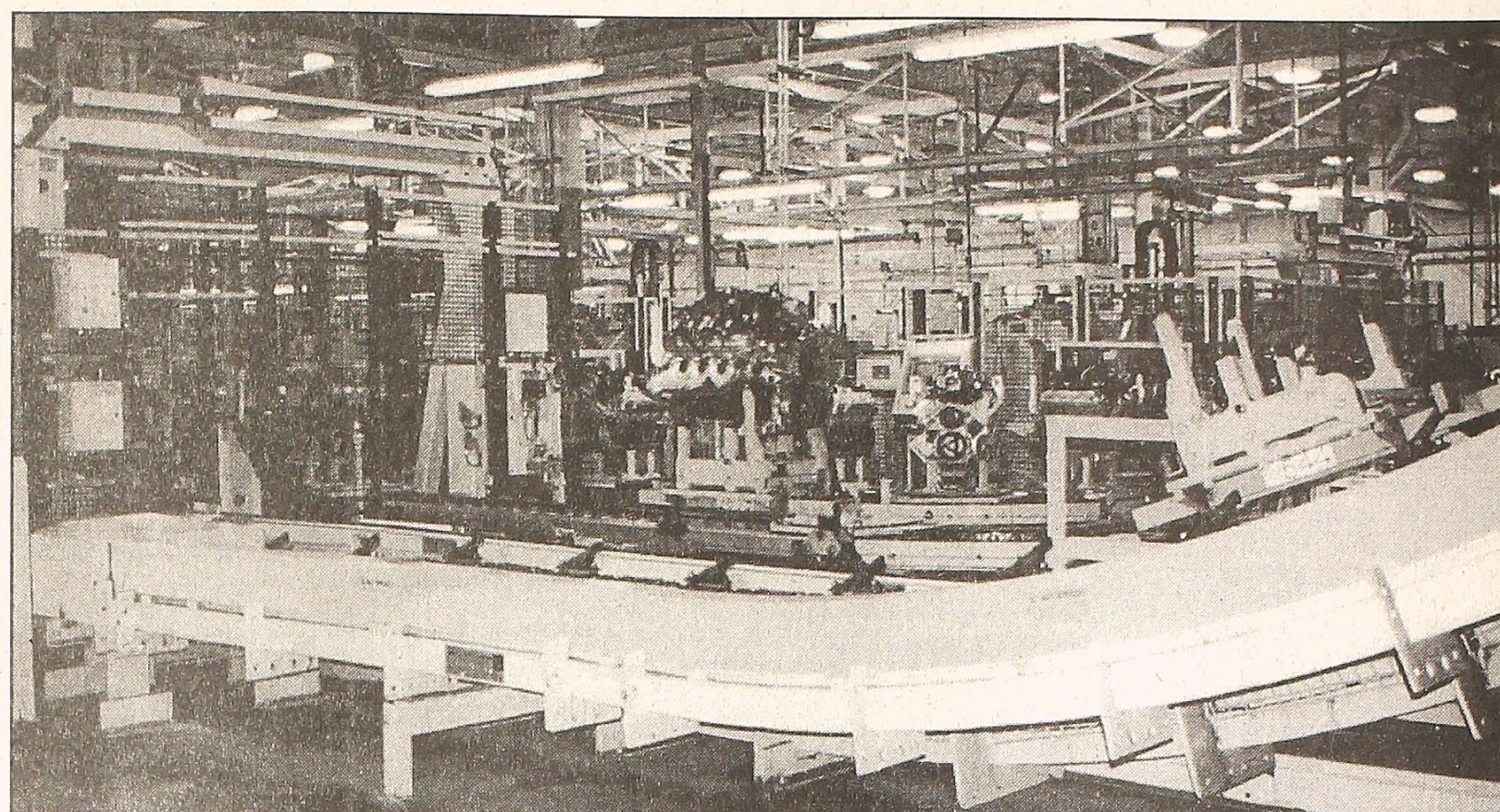
When manufacturing the engines, worker safety and defect-prevention are always in the forefront. These are the two most important things to consider for increasing quality and productivity.

At the first station, visitors stop under an electronic board that hangs from the ceiling helping employees keep track of their tasks and pace their work. The board is also used as a data system to determine problems.

"We can confirm that we have quality engines built in Romulus," boasts Test Engineer Rich Ardt.

At the same station a demonstrator shows the crowd how workers inspect engine holes for safety. If there are errors, the pistons do not fit correctly and the production slows down.

Things that contribute to produc-



The engine line inside GM Powertrain.

tion slow down are worker injuries and errors in manufacturing. Therefore, the plant has devised many systems to inspect the engines for quality that are actually more complex than the manufacturing itself.

They require a layer system of inspection, electronic bar codes, automatic and manual inspection to avoid producing a problematic product.

Several stations later, demonstrator James Boyd holds up a "guide stick", designed by engineers that reduces problems when fitting the pistons in the engine and prevents work-related injuries. The use of the guidesticks led to 100 percent improvement in production.

Engineers are always looking for ways to improve the engine parts to help meet the needs of the plant. Workers are encouraged to talk about problems they're having with various parts in order for the engineering team to devise a way to solve them.

What is learned is then shared with two identical plants in St. Catharines, Ontario and Silao, Mexico and vice versa.

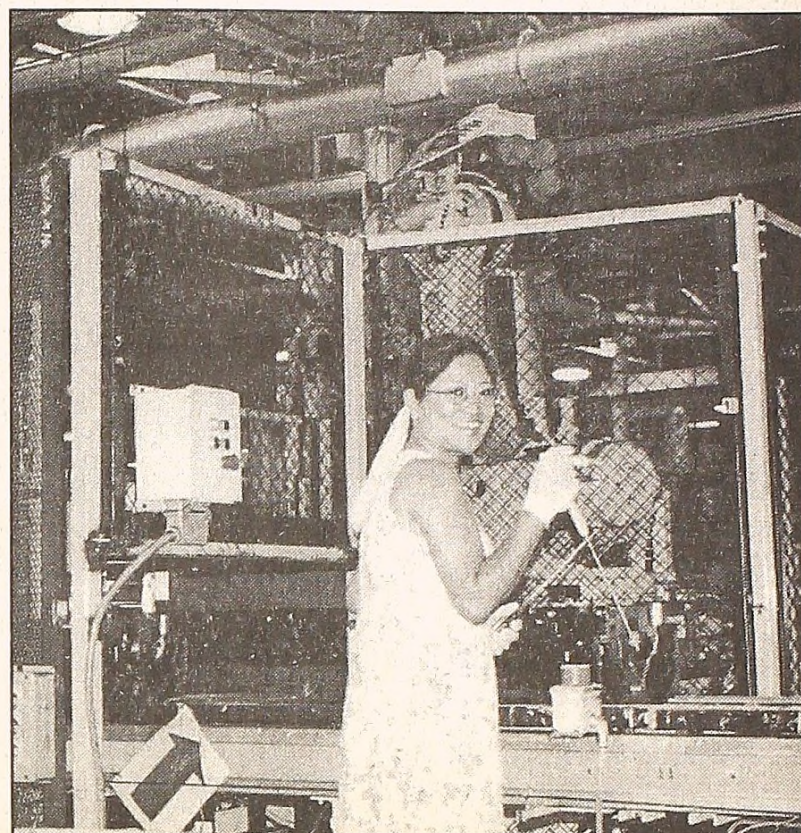
Workers have to think on their feet

as engines in different stages of production come down the conveyor belt and pass through their areas. Some have a work area all to themselves while others work as a team doing the same job simultaneously. Machines now perform the more time-consuming tasks.

GM Powertrain strives to become the Benchmark, the level of standard at which all other v8 engine manufacturing plants are judged. Their attention to worker safety has led to a more cooperative and productive plant. Workers on the floor seem relaxed, comfortable and focused.

Pearla Garrison, who inspects the holes into which pistons are inserted in order to prevent errors, works in a floral dress and gold earrings. She is the only one in the factory wearing nice clothes. She smiles happily as I take her picture working on the engine.

A man attempting to haul equipment across the factory floor in a "forwarder" machine stops to let me pass before him. Everyone waves hello to one another, whether they are a floor manager or an assembler.



Pearla Garrison inspects the engines at GM Powertrain, Romulus.



James Boyd demonstrates piston insertion at the GM Powertrain, Romulus.

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# Nation's best softball teams gather in Wayne

## 26th annual Anderson tourney begins on Friday

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Some of the nation's top softball teams and world-renown softball personalities will begin their quest for the coveted 26th annual Leonard J. Anderson Memorial Invitational title Friday night at Anderson Softball Field.

The three-day tournament has lured 18 teams, including nationally-ranked Westland's Metro Glass, the defending champ and currently ranked No. 7 in the United States, and Shelby Township's PDC Printing, which is among the top 10-teams in the USSSA ratings to Wayne, the home of the Anderson Memorial Tournament.

"We will have teams here from as far away as Seattle, Washington,

and Milwaukee, as well as five teams from neighboring Westland competing in this 26th annual Anderson tournament," said Larry Quartuccio, who organized the tournament in memory of Patrolman Leonard J. Anderson, the only Wayne police officer to be slain in the line of duty.

Among players featured during the three-day tournament will be Dan Schuck, a 12-time All-American who also has been named to the All-World Team eight times.

"This is an exciting tournament, a summer classic if you will," Quartuccio said. "Not only is the competition great, but there is a lot of camaraderie between players and teams. It is a kind of tournament that you go away having a lot of pleasant memories."

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Metro Glass will begin the defense of its title at 6 p.m. Friday against a cross-town rival, Westland's S & L Paint.

Quartuccio, who manages the Westland entry - LDJ/NW Pipe/Budweiser/Varsity/Eaton, also has a strong title contender. His teams in the past and present have been ranked nationally. Quartuccio's ball

club is presently ranked 13th in the country. It'll make its bid to unseat Metro Glass at 8:30 p.m. on Friday against a highly-touted Northridge/Benitos team. (See opening day pairing on the next page.)

Games will be played at Anderson Field located on Howe Road and Annapolis, in the Wayne Community Center Complex.

The teams and their managers and cities they represent are as follows:

ABT, out of Northville, managed by Mark McDonald; Access Mortgage/GE/Vinci Pro, managed by Rick Hollern, from Lansing; Chaos Softball/Gino's Pizzeria, managed by Chuck Brooks, from Monroe; Holiday Chevrolet, managed by Greg Anderson, from Farmington; ICC/Budlight Orangemen, managed by Brian Nasierbe, out of Canton Township' and LDJ/NW Pipe/Budweiser/Varsity/Eaton, managed by Larry Quartuccio, out of Westland.

Others in the field of contention are: Metro Glass, managed by Jerod Hura, out of Westland; Metro Glass/Wartom/Mizuno, managed by Jerry Zimmer, out of Westland; Nail

Driver, managed by John Simms, of Sterling Heights; Northridge/Benito's, managed by Don Farmer, out of Plymouth; P & P 388 Softball, managed by John Dobernick, from Lansing; PDC Printing, managed by Manfred Budnarowski, out of Shelby Township; Powell's Mizuno, managed by Dustin Adkins, of Westland; Remax Hometeam/Team Finance, managed by Chuck Brown, from Westland; S&L/Painting/Brics/Beaver Creek, managed by Steve Witkowski, out of Westland; S&S/J&K Transportation/Motor City Mold, managed by Wade Evans, from Garden City; Seattle Softball Addicts, managed by Jerry Cowan, out of Seattle, Washington; and Sid Grinker, managed by Dennis McNight, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

## All-World star to play in Wayne

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Not only will local and area softball fans see some of the best teams in the nation during the 26th annual Leonard J. Anderson Memorial Tournament, but they also will be able to see in action legends of the game slugging the ball over the fence during the Home Run Derby.

"This year's derby attendees will have the pleasure of seeing some of the game's best home run hitters in the world," said Larry Quartuccio, tournament director.

"Slugging it out with last year's champion Al Brown (Metro Glass) and the 2000 champion Bill Barrett (LDJ) along with Rod Hughes will be 12-time All American Dan Schuck."

The Home Run derby, sponsored by Easton Bomb Squad & Softball Magazine, will be conducted at 9:15 p.m. on Friday, July 19, at Anderson Field, No. 1. There is a \$10 entry fee, and all managers may enter three players in advance.

The top 15 players will receive prizes which include bat bags and fielders' gloves, and many other softball equipment.

Schuck, who is a 6-3, 260-pound slugger, has been named to the All-World Softball Team eight times and was a member of the national championship team 11 times. In 1988, he set a World Series record with 13 RBIs in one game and was third on the all-time World Series Home Run leaders list.

Schuck also was the 1993 national home run champion and that year's World Series MVP.

Hughes against emerged as the champion home run hitter, compet-



### To the victors

It was a challenge that Romulus Elementary teachers couldn't turn their back upon - the students wanted to prove that they were better volleyballers than their teachers. So the nets went up, the referees chosen and the first ball was served in a game that went right down to the wire. When all the spiking was over, however, the teachers proved they also had athletic skills. They won the match. Above teachers celebrate their hard-earned victory over the students' hand-picked team. The victors wore smiles, and earned the publicity for the win. Pictured above are Vicki Hicks, Jeff Leucht, Sara Davis, Trish Barthwell and Lisa Dial; in the second row are Sarah Metzger, Marjie McAnally, Sarah Rollins, Lisa Rama Danes, Pia Chasney, Regan Wisely and Sandy Slater.

ing against 50 of the top sluggers in the country. He accomplished that feat in 1995 in a Home Run Derby staged at Tiger Stadium.

Hughes also has led the R&D/Easton team in home runs

with 156 in 1999, a year in which the Westland team won the Major World Series crown.

"But this year's derby will feature one of the game's true home run hitters in Schuck," stressed Quartuccio.

"Schuck will be arriving to Wayne from Waterloo, Iowa where he helped promote the Home Run Derby there and Easton Softball products. Dan is one of the great ones in this game, a legend if you will."

## EMU to host 'Romulus Day' on Sept. 7th

When Eastern Michigan University offered seven outstanding Romulus High athletes football scholarships a year ago, EMU officials followed up with an invitation to host a "Romulus Community Day" at the Ypsilanti-based university.

It was a very successful event, according to Romulus and EMU officials.

Romulus responded and hundreds of football fans attended the inaugural program at Rynearson Stadium.

"We are again hosting a 'Romulus Day' at EMU," said Matt Davis, associate Athletics Director, "and we're inviting the community to take part in this exciting celebration."

Romulus Day will be celebrated during the Eastern Michigan vs. the University of Toledo football game on Sat., Sept. 7.

The opening evening kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

EMU officials say that there will be several special features, include fireworks after the game; free EMU football T-shirts for the first 2,000 people who pass through the gates and an opportunity to see a

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*Romulus has a couple of players starting on this year's team.*

**Matt Davis**  
Assistant AD

couple of the former Romulus prep stars in action.

"Romulus has a couple of players starting on this year's team," said Davis.

Also, the special promotion will allow half-price tickets at the gate for anyone wearing clothing that says "Romulus" on it. Cost for a reserved seat is \$6; \$5 for general admission, and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Rynearson Stadium is located on Hewitt Road in Ypsilanti. For additional information about "Romulus Day", please contact EMU at 734-487-7859 or Romulus High's Athletic Department which may be reached by dialing 734-532-1000.

## Robichaud offers swimming classes

If you're looking to stay cool during the summer, you may want to grab your swim suits and head on down to Robichaud High School.

Swim Coach Allen Seder said that the school district is offering swimming during the summer at a cost of \$1 per day. The program is

open to all swimmers. There are classes for non-swimmers scheduled for noon until 1 p.m. and open swimming from 1:15 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Swimming began July 15 and will end on Aug. 8.

For further information, contact Seder at 313-299-1950.

# Twisters turn back Toledo in Lakeshore Opener

## CEO Brothers: 'This team is just awesome'

It was a good start for the defending divisional champs.

The Michigan Twisters roared past the Toledo Grizzlies in the Lakeshore Semi-Professional League's opener, 47-0.

"This team is better than the one we had a year ago," said Glenn Brothers, the Twisters' CEO. "They're just awesome. You have to be impressed with a team that shuts out their opponent in an opener, with all that is involved with season's openers."

Like jitters, Glenn?

Before a crowd estimated at nearly 1,000, who braved an unseasonably hot and humid evening (temperatures were near 90 at game time), the Twisters' opener at Willow Run High's Devlin Stadium showed that the champs are out to defend their title.

The defending divisional

champs took the suspense out of the game early, shortly after the kickoff. They scored two touchdowns within a span of eight minutes.

The Twisters amassed a rushing total of 240 yards, led by Jaquan Wright who rushed for 113 yards on four carries. Wright scored two TDs.

In addition, Wright brought the crowd to its feet with an electrifying run of 55 yards, and that run would have been his third TD of the game if the play had not been nullified due to a holding infraction.

Following close behind Wright with a superb opening -day performance, Jason Gibson came up with 86 yards and one touchdown. Gibson has 10 opportunities with the ball.

Brothers said that the Twisters used two excellent quarterbacks.

The duties were shared by Orland Wright who rushed 11 yards for a TD. He also connected on four of his eight passes, which included a 62-yard TD strike to Westland's Charles Fountain early in the first period.

Not to be overshadowed by Wright's amazing effort, John Robinson also showed that he has an excellent eye and throwing arm as he hit on three of his five passes with two of those ending up as TD bombs.

One of Robinson's tosses went to Donti Hamilton, who scampered over the goal line from 19 yards out, while the other was a 39-yard scoring pass to Fountain.

Rookie QB Andy Sheibar also saw action in the opener, and it was his first-time appearance as a minor pro-when he stepped in to close out the final minutes of the game.

In all, the offense grounded out 409 yards - not bad for an opening day test.

On the defensive side, the Twisters completely dominated and shutdown the Glass City Grizzlies, allowing them a grand total of 76 yards on 41 plays.

The Grizzlies were four of 23 in the passing department for 45 yards, while surrounding two interceptions, one by Bob Pentair who had a 11 yard return; the second went to Rich Peoples who managed to meander his way back for a 43-yard return.

The Grizzlies also sustained three devastating sacks at key points during the game. Inkster's very-own Kevin Love, Aaron Brothers, Kevin Smith and Markus Hatch each record sacks of the QB.

To add insult to injury, as the cliché goes, the Grizzlies' ground

game came to a stand-still before a unyielding Twister defense. It produced a mere 31 yards for the evening.

Kevin Smith sparked the Twisters' defense as he chalked up four solos, three assists and a sack. Wright followed with two solos and six assists.

On Saturday, July 20, the Twisters will make their debut in Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium. They'll take on the Southern Michigan Timberwolves in a 7:30 p.m. game in what is being billed as a "revenge match" between the best the semi-pro conference has to offer.

The T-Wolves are a charter member team of the MCFL, the Mid-Continental Football League, which is recognized as the premier AAA minor pro league in the United States.

In 1988, the T-Wolves were na-

tional champions, and they still retain the dream of realizing that goal, according to Brothers.

"They are a great team, and we will be tested by them," Brothers stressed.

The Twisters are a AA ball club, and were ranked by the American Football Association as the best semi-pro team in the State of Michigan. These two teams faced each other last season and the T-Wolves managed to squeeze out a 26-23 victory in the final seconds of the clash.

The Twisters haven't forgotten their only loss of the 2001 campaign.

"This rematch should be a fan pleaser," Brother added. "This is one game that fans will not soon forget."

For ticket information, please contact Glenn Brothers at 734-981-7141.



The Sports Beat

Here's what is happening on the Sports Beat this week.

Romulus 2nd-best at Inkster tourney

Romulus' Junior basketball team finished runners-up recently at a Inkster Parks and Recreation Department basketball tournament.

The 5th and 6th grade Romulus boys' team competed in the Inkster Spring Tournament and managed to remain undefeated until the championship round and ended up with the second-place team trophy. Team members, under the guidance of coach Theresa Gibson, all received trophies and uniforms. Members of the team included: Cody Barnes, Elijah Lee, Justin Price, Nick Bennett, Larry Horne, Rashad Glenn, Dominique Buckley, Demetrius Price and DeAndray Buckley.

Golf Outing benefits pageant

The Wayne-Westland Junior Miss' second annual Benefit Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, July 20, at the Gateway Golf Club, Van Born at Venoy, in the City of Romulus.

All proceeds from the benefit are donated to the Wayne-Westland Ju-

nior Miss Scholarship Program.

The registration fee is \$95 and each participant will have the opportunity to play 18-holes of golf, a golf cart made available to them, dinner and beer.

For more information please contact Marvin Soleau at 734-729-7395.

Tennis Classes are available

The City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for tennis classes. The classes will be conducted through Aug. 2 on the municipal courts.

For fees and class times please contact the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department by dialing 734-721-7400.

Last call for Legends' campers

If you're planning to register your child for the annual Legends Basketball Camp, this will be your final call. Fred Smiley, camp director, said this week that the response this year has "just been overwhelming."

In its fifth season, the camp provides children with an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game from some of the past and present legends of basketball.

"This is just a reminder to those who have not enrolled or submitted

their application that they should do so as soon as possible. We have received more than 300 applications from the kids who want to attend our camp," Smiley said, "and, because of space, we just can't enroll many more."

The camp is open to boys and girls who are 8 to 15 years of age. The campers will receive tips and training from some of the best former and present basketball players in the nation. Smiley is a former Inkster High All-State guard who earned All-American recognition as a member of the Northwood Institute ball club in Midland.

The camp will be held from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Aug. 2 and Aug. 3 at the Booker T. Dozier Parks and Recreation Department, located at 2025 Middlebelt Road.

Along with basic skills, the campers also will be able to sharpen their shooting, ball handling, defensive and rebounding skills.

Applications may be picked up at the Recreation Center.

Summer baseball is available

Total Baseball will conduct its baseball summer camp three days, beginning this week. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. for

players ages 7 through 17.

Professional players and college coaches will be available to instruct the campers in the proper techniques of pitching, batting and fielding.

Players also will be clocked on a radar gun for arm and bat speed.

There is a \$125 registration fee, and more information may be obtained by calling 248-668-0166.

Wayne's Deisler shares the lead

Wayne's Terry Deisler shared the lead in the Women's Suburban Golf Association's First Flight at the Gateway Golf Course.

Deisler, who has gotten off to an excellent start in the early going of the young season, shot an 82 to share the First Flight, Low Gross lead with Brighton's Becky Anderson, who also checked into the clubhouse with an 82.

Westland's Carolyn Benninger was two strokes behind the leaders. She finished second-best in the flight.

In the meantime, Dearborn Heights' Lil Vanderbroker toured Gateway with an 82 to finish on the top perch of the Low Net competition. Brighton's Carol Niemur was second best.

Carol McQuade posted a two-stroke victory over Gwen Wyer in the duel in the Second Flight, Low Gross bracket. McQuade withstood a late Wyer rally and won the flight with a 92. Wyer's score was the afternoon was 94.

In the Low Net category, Karen Pilon strolled off the course with her first victory of the young season as she carded a 68, one stroke better than Wayne's Mary Allen who had a 69.

A two-way tie for first also existed between Rae Wenslaff and Lori Wilson in the Third Flight, Low Gross competition. Wilson and Wenslaff each had 95's.

Runner-up was Pat Wilson, a Dearborn Heights' golfer who shot a 100.

Westland's Mary Cunningham posted a five-stroke victory over Dorothy Coates in the Low Net race. Cunningham managed to win with a 66 score; Coates finished with a 71.

Time for Prep Sports Schedules

In the middle of summer and the baseball season, who would be

thinking about football? Would you believe high school football coaches are. Classes resume in most school districts on Aug. 21 and the 2002 high school football season begins that week to accommodate an expanded football playoff format.

To help MCN staffers prepare for the upcoming season, we're asking local high school athletic directors to fax their schedules to our offices. Would you believe newly-appointed Wayne Memorial AD, Dewie Cole, has already dropped off the Zebras' schedule.

The MCN Fax number is 734-729-6088; you can reach the MCN offices by dialing 734-729-4000 for more information if you need to.

'Sports Beat' is compiled and written by MCN Staff Writer Tom Mooradian. To submit information for publication in this column please contact Mooradian during regular business hours, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by dialing 734-729-4000.

Anderson softball tourney pairings

Here are the pairings for the first-round of competition in the 26th annual Leonard J. Anderson Memorial Tournament:

Friday, July 19

6 p.m. ABT vs. Access Mortgage

6 p.m. Metro Glass/Wartom/Mizuno vs. S & L Paint

7:15 p.m. P&P 388 Softball vs. Remax Hometeam

8:30 p.m. LDJ/NW Pipe/Budweiser/Varsity/Easton vs. Northridge/Benitos

9:45 p.m. Home Run Derby

Saturday, July 20

9:00 a.m. PDC Printers vs. Powells/Mizuno

9:00 a.m. Nail Drive vs. winner of P&P and Remax

10:15 a.m. Metro Glass vs. Chaos Softball

10:15 a.m. Sid Grinker vs. S&S/J&K Transportation

11:30 a.m. Seattle Softball Adicts vs. ABT and Access winner (The tournament will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday and end approximately 3 p.m. on Sunday)

Softball fans can also look forward to seeing the Hooters Girls who will be in Wayne on Saturday to take part in the Anderson Tournament between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. They'll assist in promoting the feature presentation of the Easton Bomb Squad.

The annual Anderson Tournament's hospitality party will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday at the fields, and it will feature music by the Dance Pro DJ Service starring Ellen Morgan from W4 Country 102.9. There will also be bar-b-que and ice cold beverages to purchase.

As in the past, admission to the party is free and softball fans and residents are invited to enjoy music and get a chance to win some of the prizes offered.

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feedback from the community about this subject," Ernest Hendricks said. "We need to get the word out. We need our leaders in this community to rally around this issue. Our roads and infrastructure reflect who we are and what we are."

"Therefore I am urging all to attend this meeting so we can, as elected officials, learn how our citizens feel."

Marcus Hendricks said that he has received several complaints from residents about the condition of city roads, and he strongly supports the road improvement program.

"It is difficult to invite people to build homes, to have businesses relocate, and to invite developers to consider our city for their projects without decent roads," said Hendricks. "The future of our city, in fact, depends on how we look at our roads, the infrastructure, and the way we treat our environment."

"I am hoping to see a huge turnout on Wednesday to discuss this issue publicly."

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ENGINEERING SERVICES

Specifications may be picked up after 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 18, 2002 from the Purchasing Department 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Questions regarding the specifications should be directed to Robert L. Gordon, City Manager at (313) 563-4232, Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

THE CITY OF INKSTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES AND ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL IT MAY DEEM TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY.

Kimberly Turner

City Clerk

2121 Inkster Road

Inkster, Michigan 48141

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CHANGES ARE MADE IN DETERMINATIONS OF BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, UNDER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

On September 2, 1981, the Federal Emergency Management Agency identified Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) in the Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, through issuance of a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration has determined that modification of the elevations, of the flood having a 1% chance of being Equaled or exceeded in any given year (base or 100-year flood) for certain locations in this community is appropriate. The modified Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) revise the FIRM for the community.

The changes are being made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65.

A hydraulic analysis was performed to incorporate improved topography and the placement of fill and has resulted in a revised delineation of the regulatory floodway, a shift in SFHA, and lower BFEs for Fellows Creek. The table below indicates, existing and modified BFEs for selected locations along the affected lengths of the flooding source cited above.

Location	Existing BFE (feet)*	Modified BFE (feet)*
Approximately 430 feet downstream of Lotz Road	663	662
Approximately 240 feet downstream of Lotz Road	663	662

\*National Geodetic Vertical Datum, rounded to nearest whole foot.

Under the above-mentioned Acts of 1968 and 1973, the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration must develop criteria for floodplain management. For the community to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the community must use the modified BFEs to administer the floodplain management measures of the NFIP. These modified BFEs will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and contents.

Upon the second publication of notice of these changes in this newspaper, any person has 90 days in which he or she can request, through the Chief Executive Officer of the community, that the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration reconsider the determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on knowledge of changed conditions or new scientific or technical data. All interested parties are on notice that until the 90-day period elapses, the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration's determination to modify the BFEs may itself be changed.

Any person having knowledge or wishing to comment on these changes should immediately notify:

Mr. Thomas Yack

Township Supervisor

Township of Canton

1150 South Canton Center

Canton, MI 48188

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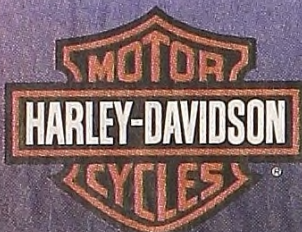
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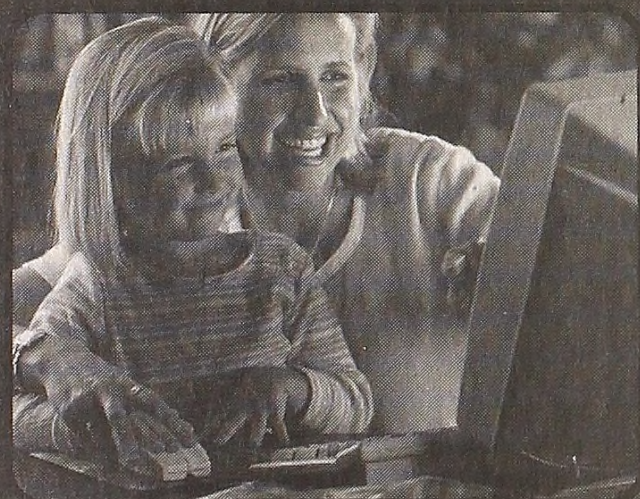
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